

# ESL Conversation Club: Camping

## Warm-Up Your Vocal Chords

### Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.  
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.  
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose.  
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

## Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

- What are some good places to go camping near your home?
- What is the most popular camping destination in your country?
- What things do you need to take when you go camping?
- Do you need a permit to go camping in your country?
- Do you worry about any animals when you go camping? Which ones?
- Do you know how to make a campfire? How do you do it?
- Which do you prefer, camping in the forest, on a beach, or in the mountains?
- What activities do you like to do when camping?
- Besides animals, what things are dangerous when you are camping?
- Do you like to sleep in a tent or just in a sleeping bag looking at the stars?
- What is the longest amount of time you have camped for?
- What kinds of food do you eat when you camp? How do you cook?
- Have you ever heard of glamping? What is it?
- Have you ever had a bad experience while camping?
- What things should you consider when choosing a place to pitch a tent?
- Have you ever been bothered by mosquitos when camping? What did you do?
- What clothes are good to take camping?
- What kinds of drinks do you like to take camping?
- Have you ever camped in the rain? How was it?
- Do you think you would enjoy camping for a week or a month?
- Have you ever gathered or caught any food while camping?
- Is it better to camp where there are many campers or a quiet secluded place?
- If you went camping for many days what would you most miss from home?
- Is camping popular in your home country?

## Vocabulary to Practice

**Air Mattress:** a mattress, usually of plastic or rubber, that can be inflated for use, as in camping, and deflated for storage.

**Axe:** a hand tool with one side of its head forged and sharpened to a cutting edge, used for felling trees, splitting timber, etc.

**Backpack:** a piece of equipment designed to be used while being carried on the back.

**Barbecue:** a framework, such as a grill or a spit, for cooking meat or vegetables over an open fire

**Binoculars:** an optical instrument for use with both eyes, consisting of two small telescopes joined together

**Hammock:** a bed made of canvas or of rope mesh and suspended by cords at the ends

**Hiking:** the activity of going for long walks, especially in the country or woods.

**Insect Repellent:** is a substance applied to the skin, clothing, or other surfaces to discourage insects from landing or climbing on that surface

**Knife:** an instrument composed of a blade fixed into a handle, used for cutting or as a weapon.

**Lighter:** a device that produces a small flame, typically used to light cigarettes.

**Boot:** a sturdy item of footwear covering the foot, the ankle, and sometimes the leg below the knee.

**Cabin:** a small shelter or house, made of wood and situated in a wild or remote area.

**Campfire:** an open-air fire in a camp, used for cooking and as a focal point for social activity.

**Camping Chair:** a lightweight folding chair with a canvas seat and backrest

**Campsite:** a place used for camping.

**Canoeing:** the sport or activity of paddling a light, narrow boat.

**Compass:** an instrument which shows the direction of magnetic north.

**Flashlight:** A portable light

**Gloves:** a piece of clothing that is worn on the hand and wrist for warmth or protection, with separate parts for each finger

**Matches:** a slender piece of wood, cardboard, or other flammable material tipped with a chemical substance that produces fire when rubbed on a rough or chemically prepared surface.

**Nature:** the physical world and everything in it (such as plants, animals, mountains, oceans, stars, etc.) that is not made by people.

**Rope:** is a group of yarns, plies, fibers, or strands that are twisted or braided together into a larger and stronger form

**Sleeping Bag:** a warm lined padded bag to sleep in

**Tent:** a portable shelter made of cloth, supported by one or more poles and stretched tight by cords or loops attached to pegs driven into the ground

**Thermos Flask:** a container that keeps a drink or other fluid hot or cold

**Next week's topic: Getting a Job**