

# ESL Conversation Club: Bucket Lists

## Warm-up:

Good morning, good morning, good afternoon.  
Good evening, good evening, good night, good night.  
Nice to meet you. Nice to meet you, too.  
Good bye, Good bye, see you.

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You know New York, you need New York,  
you know you need unique New York.

## Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What's the ultimate dream experience on your bucket list, something that you always wanted to do or experience?</li><li>• Share a unique goal on your list, something that might surprise others but is normal for you to want to do.</li><li>• Is there a fear you want to conquer as part of your bucket list?</li><li>• Do any of your bucket list dreams connect to your cultural background or family history?</li><li>• Who would you love to share a bucket list experience with?</li><li>• If you could visit any historical period, where and when would you go?</li><li>• Share a hidden gem in your new home country or your home culture that deserves a spot on everyone's bucket list.</li><li>• Is learning a new language on your bucket list?</li><li>• Does your bucket list involve a culinary adventure?</li><li>• Do you have a bucket list dream that is creative? Maybe learning an instrument, writing a book, or creating a unique work of art?</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has something happened in your life that changed your bucket list priorities?</li><li>• Are there any bucket list items that would be difficult for your culture to understand?</li><li>• Is there a goal on your list that leaves a lasting impact on others or the world? Maybe volunteering, community building, or creating something meaningful?</li><li>• How do you break down your biggest bucket list dreams into smaller, easier steps?</li><li>• Have you ever achieved a bucket list item and discovered unexpected benefits it brought? Maybe new skills, friendships, or personal growth?</li><li>• Confess one item on your list that keeps getting pushed back to "someday." Discuss what holds you back and brainstorm ways to move it to the top of your priority list.</li><li>• Is there anything on your bucket list that society might consider age-inappropriate? Challenge stereotypes and share your belief that dreams have no expiration date!</li><li>• Fast forward 10 years. What accomplishment on your current bucket list are you most excited to celebrate?</li></ul> |
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# Vocabulary to Practice

- bucket list: (noun phrase) A personal list of things you want to do or experience before you die, usually involving exciting adventures, fulfilling dreams, and pushing your boundaries.
- unique goal: (noun phrase) A special aim or ambition that's specific to you and your interests, something that stands out from the usual choices.
- conquer: (verb) To overcome a challenge or fear, to achieve something difficult with determination and courage.
- cultural background: (noun phrase) The traditions, customs, and values of the place or group you come from, shaping your beliefs and way of life.
- family history: (noun phrase) The story of your ancestors and their lives, connecting you to your past and influencing your identity.
- historical period: (noun phrase) A specific time frame in the past, like the Middle Ages or the Roaring Twenties, with its own unique events, cultures, and atmosphere.
- hidden gem: (noun phrase) A place or experience that's not well-known but amazing, something special waiting to be discovered, often off the beaten path.
- culinary adventure: (noun phrase) A journey to explore new foods and cooking styles, trying unusual dishes in different cultures and expanding your culinary horizons.
- community building: (noun phrase) Activities or projects that bring people together to create a sense of belonging and support, strengthening a community's bonds and contributing to its well-being.
- unexpected benefits: (noun phrase) Positive outcomes you hadn't planned for, things you gain from achieving your goals beyond the initial intention, like making new friends or learning new skills.
- personal growth: (noun phrase) The process of improving yourself and becoming a better person, learning new things, overcoming challenges, and developing your skills and abilities.
- brainstorm: (verb) To generate ideas in a spontaneous and creative way, discussing possibilities and solutions freely without judgment.
- age-inappropriate: (adjective) Considered not suitable for your age, according to what society might expect from someone of your generation.
- stereotypes: (noun, plural) Oversimplified generalizations about a group of people, often based on prejudice and not reflecting individual differences.
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