

Elevator Speech Ideas Stories and more...

Table topics
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Why should we do Tabletopics?

- Improves Impromptu speaking skills
- Improves confidence
- Develop Thoughts Quickly



Basic Tabletopics Rules

- 1-2 Minutes
- Watch the timer(don't get carried away since its so short)
- Always be ready to be called on



How should we do Tabletopics? (tips & tricks)

- “Practice Makes Perfect”
- Go with the first idea, don’t think too long
- Use your own experiences
- You can predict the next question by the general theme
- Incorporate a story within your tabletopics instead of answering the question off the bat.
 - E.g. Story about dogs.... that's why i like dogs best....
 - Instead of I like dogs because (reasons)...



Table Topic Types - Normal Question

Ex: What is your favorite book?

Tips:

- Same tips as from last page

Ex Answer: In the last book, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Harry fights against the strongest enemy, Lord Voldemort. He uses spells and magic to fight him such as levitation and poison spells.(more story) Because of how action packed this book is, Harry Potter and the Deathly hallows is my favorite book.



Table Topic Types - Screen Share(story)

Ex: Make a story out of the three words
Ghost, Backyard, and acorns.

Tips:

- Start speaking with one of the subjects, as you speak more you can incorporate others into the story.

Ex Answer: I woke up one morning and I heard an odd but loud sound, the sound of **acorns** falling. I wondered what had happened, so I went to my **backyard** where the trees were planted, and I saw that a **ghost** was throwing acorns at my window! Immediately, I set out to stop this ghost, and tried every solution in the book, using a vacuum, offering food, and trying to trick him, but nothing worked. He just wouldn't leave! (say time runs out here, wrap up quickly by) And that's the reason why I have a ghost in my backyard!

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Our artist has made 21 mistakes in this picture. See how many you can find. Then turn to page 147 for the answers.

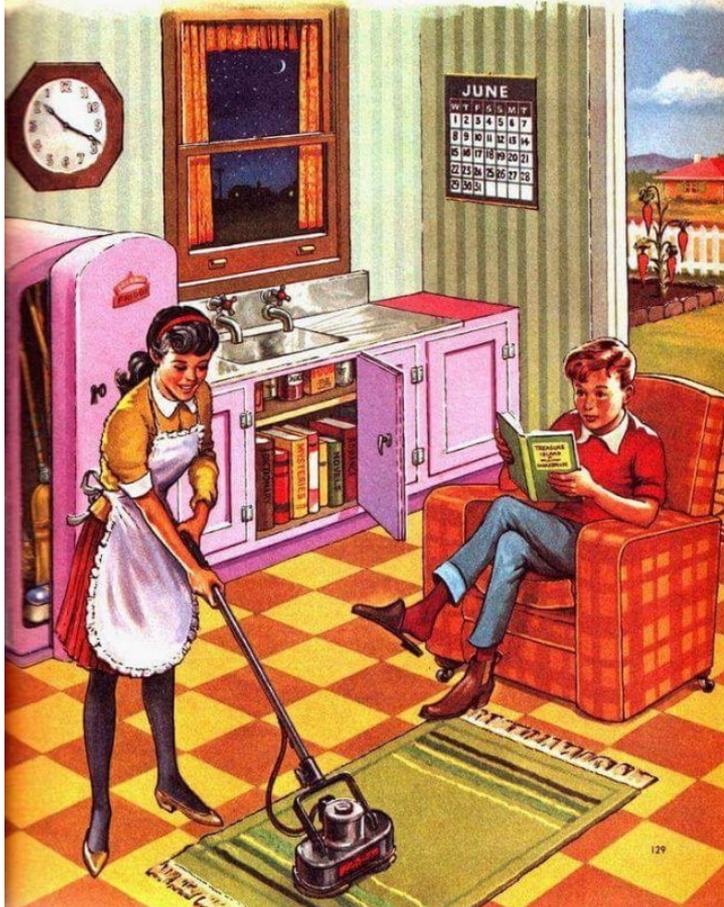


Table Topic Types - Screenshare(Picture)

Tips:

- Point out the first thing you see in the photo and start talking, look at the picture while you talk and try to think about more things to say. Add humor if you can. Can add questions.

Ex Answer: What a confusing photograph. First of all, why are there brooms in the refrigerator, are they trying to clean their food? How about the books under the sink, have they ever heard of a bookshelf? Why is there a couch and rug in the kitchen? How big is that house? They must be living on two sides of the Earth with both night and day. Congratulations guys, after hundreds of years of research, we finally found life on another planet!

Tip: Here I got away with just questioning the photo and adding some humor, a great way to easily do tabletopics.



Table Topic Types - Complete the Book/Poem

Ex: Continue this line into a poem “To be or not to be: that is the question”

Tips:

- Look at the line and choose something similar sounding/rhyming. Then say whatever comes to your mind, don't think too much.

Ex Answer: To be or not to be: that is the question. The question we all must answer. To be a doctor or a dancer? To be a paramedic or a prancer? What is the true answer? We should be what we want to be, for life is short and doesn't wait for me. What can this truly mean? The meaning of life is something we don't know, but fun is something we must not forego.

(lot of rhyming and like a poem, this is a lot of rhyming but anything basic could work, even no rhyming just similar topics)



Summary (Tips)

- Structure
- Time
- Story