

### Chapter 1 : Get To Know You Questions for Kids – calendrierdelascience.com

*BIG TALK is a social experiment and video project started by Kalina Silverman. She wanted to see what could happen if she skipped the small talk to have deeper conversations with people instead.*

However, in imagining what such form of life could look like or behave like, we readily make a number of anthropocentric assumptions that is, we assume they are like us to an unnecessary degree, some of which we are not even aware of. Our common idea of what an extraterrestrial being should look like has been largely shaped by depictions in arts and entertainment that were, in one way or another, created to be relatable and convenient for storytelling purposes, while compromising verisimilitude. If we live in a multiverse, then practically any kind of being we could possibly conceive has existed or will exist at some point. What can and what can we not assume about them? What do we have to wonder about them? Let us explore, in the spirit of speculation, a number of factors that merit some thought – and how they are related to both science fiction and real science. The rationale behind this is actually not as faulty as it may seem. If we build our imagined extraterrestrial from the ground up, we make anthropocentric assumptions about their morphology out of necessity. After all, we are the only intelligent species that we know of, and therefore the only instance that we can study of evolution reaching such a state. First, we assume that any intelligent species had to arise from some sort of biochemistry similar to ours. Then the resulting life form had to achieve a multicellular state, so as to develop a dedicated brain. It had to develop a skeleton of sorts to cope with gravity, and its body had to grow up to a minimum size such that its brain developed the level of cognition that we enjoy. It had to grow at least a pair of limbs to move around with and a pair to use tools. It also has to have a set of senses to interact with its world and a body big and strong enough to thrive in its ecosystem. For example, for all we know, there could be sapient extraterrestrials the size of a small building or the size of a freight train. Whatever shape they have, extraterrestrials need some sort of energy source to live – that much we know, at least in our universe with our particular laws of physics. What could it be, then? Again, this variable powerfully hinges on their biochemistry, and the effects are many to be left without discussion. But whatever they specifically eat defines many of their characteristics and traits, ranging from their anatomy to their social structure to their economy to their attitudes toward other life forms. Do they see us as prey; as predators; as competition; as the intrusive dwellers of an earthy, delicious planet; as a waste of precious iron and other minerals in our bloodstream; or as nasty, smelly blobs of excrement? Conversely, are their diets something that makes them inherently disgusting and undesirable to us say, ammonia-based beings? Another interesting but less meaningful energy-related question is, of course, how they power their infrastructure and technology. It has taken life approximately 3. Along the way, there have been natural disasters, giant dinosaurs, more natural disasters, early empires, religions, nations, navies, colonization, Theodore Roosevelt, world wars, and a cold war. What do they have to tell us, then? Did their evolution yield as diverse an array of life forms as ours did? If so, did their planet endure extinction events, perhaps involving other intelligent species? Did their civilization break up into different nations? If so, is their world still governed by different nations? Again, the way they would approach us would be, in more than one way, defined by their history. A society unaccustomed to violence might be benevolent to a fault, almost naive, in their first interactions with another intelligent society. Then again, it could also be exceedingly cautious, aware that not all civilizations regard the concept of harmony with such devotion. A society that has become used to conflict, on the other hand, is likely to have developed both a more sophisticated diplomacy apparatus and a military – and the extent to which they rely on either is something we can only speculate about. Needless to say, we have also contemplated a variety of negative outcomes involving their use of violence upon us. We ourselves use plants and animals for our own self-preservation purposes, and while some of us make efforts to improve the way we treat animals, the fact remains that we condition their lives to our will, regardless of whether they are aware of it. Could it be that a more advanced civilization would want to use us in some way, whether we know it or not? Could it be that they, like us, have always expected to be contacted by a superior race, and so they are as unprepared and eager to be baffled as we are? As I suggested above, many scientists are of the opinion that

going out of our way to make contact with aliens is not something humanity should do. Our first-contact aliens might be as wary of making contact with us as we are of them – and if history serves to indicate anything, they might be completely justified. Unfortunately, the extent to which we can speculate about the capabilities of other intelligent beings is limited by our own intelligence. If they are smarter than us, we can conceive them to be more proficient in science and engineering. Just like a Neanderthal would probably imagine if he even could imagine more sophisticated beings to be much more formidable hunters and tool makers, while being unable to conceive art, diplomacy, metaphysics, or semantics the way we see them. What level of insight into the nature of life do they have? They are limited by their brain and would not comprehend our efforts to communicate with them; meanwhile, we would be frustrated and disappointed, as our interaction with them would prove fruitless. Would they be frustrated by our inability to do and comprehend what they can do and comprehend? Lovecraft, is more or less related to this issue, as it describes the inability of humanity to comprehend much greater forces that rule the universe, and proposed that the magnitude of these forces renders us insignificant in the grand scheme of things. It may sound like an overblown prediction, but the importance of ensuring that development of AI be carried out responsibly is very real; in fact, there is an actual organization dedicated to just that, known as the Singularity Institute. Numeracy is not the only possible difference. Equally intriguing is the idea that they may feel very different emotions from us. Many of our emotions are hypothesized to be the byproducts of evolution, and so the way we feel emotions has been shaped by our own, unique evolutionary history. Conversely, it is also possible that they feel emotions that we cannot even begin to comprehend. This would make interplanetary diplomacy less easy than we wish it were. Some of these civilizations might even understand how to use the topology of space-time to their advantage, a topic that has been thoroughly explored by our imagination. Their willingness to share this knowledge and technology with us would no doubt benefit us immensely, as well as them. However, as stated above, it is possible that we are simply too limited in intelligence to comprehend the work and the understanding that the other civilization is capable of. However, it is obvious that humans have not stopped evolving, and there exists the possibility that from us will emerge a more intelligent species, or at least more intelligent humans, twenty thousand years from now or a million years from now. In fact, the grander in scale and the more beings they affect, the more inevitable they can potentially be. Such undertakings seem impossible to us, but even they seem trivial compared to the ultimate extinction event: This can happen 97 trillion years from now, when stars cease to fuse; years from now, when protons start to decay; years from now, when all that remains is photons; or any day now, if we are in a false-vacuum state. Presumably, any intelligent form of life would want to prolong its existence indefinitely, whether as it is or in some sort of elevated state. What steps might other civilizations take to ensure their continued existence, then? Not too long ago, when the Big Crunch seemed like the most plausible end-of-the-universe scenario, a physicist named Frank Tipler proposed that the solution would be to create an infinitely powerful computer, which would harness all the energy created by the Big Crunch. In the very last second of objective time *i*. The takeaway from this is that, as self-preserving life forms, we meet our awareness of the finitude of the universe with ideas to overcome it and make the existence of life infinite if only subjectively so – but does that matter? Within our narrow but, in all likelihood, accurate idea of what kind of planets can sustain life and using our verdant technology, we have already discovered a few star systems with one or two planets that fulfill our criteria. Again, the bad news is that physical constraints prevent us from getting to such faraway places within any reasonable time-frame. Faster-than-light travel is not as yet understood to be possible, unless we are able to meddle with the very fabric of space-time. Even then, if the Big Rip hypothesis turns out to be true, every second that passes makes intergalactic travel more and more implausible. But supposing we are one day able to distort space-time to travel to faraway places, where should we look? The size of the star, its luminosity, its dark spots, the way the planet revolves around the star *e*. Regardless, extraterrestrial life is a captivating subject, and I do hope that one day humans will greet creatures of another planet and establish a mutually beneficial relationship.

### Chapter 2 : 36 Questions to Ask a Date Instead of Playing Mind Games | HuffPost

*BIG TALK BIG TALK works well with anybody, from strangers to people you are acquainted with on a surface level, to loved ones. You can ask different types of questions based on the person.*

By Allison Graham 7 minute Read Mastering small talk will help you find common ground to create a mini-bond with new contacts. The goal is not to become best friends or a new client on the spot. The goal of conversation at functions is to establish enough common ground to determine a reason to connect again. Use these easy tips for working a room. When looking for a conversation partner in a crowded room, there are three likely scenarios that make it easy to initiate dialogue: Having a chance to revisit their story to success can leave helpful clues along the way as to who they are and what makes them tick. Keeping a conversation rolling is simple when you learn to listen and ask appropriate probing questions that naturally grow from the dialogue. You only need to prepare a couple of questions in advance. If there is a genuine connection then you can proactively engage in conversation. Actual business talk is quite limited at functions. Learning what people do and perhaps about some of their big developments or projects is about the extent of the business talk expected. Deeper connections are formed through finding common ground that is not work related. There is a balance between too much and too little business talk. There are some people who you can know for years and never hear them talk about work. You just assume they are retired or not interested in more clients. However, if you talk about your work too much you run the risk of boring others. Watch for cues from your conversation partners. How are they responding to the conversation with you? Are they obviously looking for a new conversation partner? Are they listening to and understanding what you are saying? Are you giving them more information than they expect, want, or need? Are you monopolizing the conversation and not giving others a chance to share ideas or ask questions? Match the depth of dialogue to the environment. Plus, talk that is too deep at business functions can lead to heated conversations. New contacts could be put on edge. Over-heated conversations can quickly be subdued by simply making a closing agreeable statement that offers little room for a rhetorical comment. This tactic will diffuse the situation quickly and without incident. You will, however, win points for having social graces if you are the bigger person and cool potentially fiery situations. You have to know when to let go and kill the discussion even if you believe you are correct on the issue. In the grand scheme of things, we must value the opinions of others and accept that it is not important to win every debate. Your words may be forgotten, but how you make people feel will be remembered. No doubt small talk can get a little dull after a while. So, take it upon yourself to make it interesting. To prepare for conversations, choose your five favorite safe topics. These will make it easy for you to swing an otherwise stale conversation into one that makes you a genuinely enthusiastic conversationalist. It occurs when two people have an interest in the same topic. By determining in advance what interests you, half of the equation for stimulating conversation is complete. Now your job is to guide the conversation from topic to topic until you solve the other important half of the equation: I must admit, after attending hundreds of events and interacting with thousands of people, there are times when I feel small talk is simply a dreaded requirement. For some reason, this additional challenge seems to inspire me to get enthusiasm back into the small talk. The real key to great conversations is to relax. Let the conversation flow naturally. Tell us about it in the comments. Allison Graham is a corporate trainer and keynote speaker specializing in effective networking and business development strategies for professional service providers and small business entrepreneurs. Flickr user Aquila ]

### Chapter 3 : BIG TALK - calendrierdelascience.com - Kalina Silverman

*If you're ready to start having awesome conversations, check out my list of favorite questions, divided by small talk topics that most people can get behind. Obviously these don't apply to everyone in every situation—but there are certainly enough here that you should be able to avoid awkward silences for a long, long time.*

Because sometimes asking the right questions is the answer. Which is worse, failing or never trying? If happiness was the national currency, what kind of work would make you rich? Are you doing what you believe in, or are you settling for what you are doing? If the average human life span was 40 years, how would you live your life differently? To what degree have you actually controlled the course your life has taken? Are you more worried about doing things right, or doing the right things? They all start criticizing a close friend of yours, not knowing she is your friend. The criticism is distasteful and unjustified. What do you do? If you could offer a newborn child only one piece of advice, what would it be? Would you break the law to save a loved one? Have you ever seen insanity where you later saw creativity? What one thing have you not done that you really want to do? Are you holding onto something you need to let go of? If you had to move to a state or country besides the one you currently live in, where would you move and why? Do you push the elevator button more than once? Do you really believe it makes the elevator faster? Would you rather be a worried genius or a joyful simpleton? Why are you, you? Have you been the kind of friend you want as a friend? Which is worse, when a good friend moves away, or losing touch with a good friend who lives right near you? What are you most grateful for? Would you rather lose all of your old memories, or never be able to make new ones? Is it possible to know the truth without challenging it first? Has your greatest fear ever come true? Do you remember that time 5 years ago when you were extremely upset? Does it really matter now? What is your happiest childhood memory? What makes it so special? At what time in your recent past have you felt most passionate and alive? If not now, then when? Have you ever been with someone, said nothing, and walked away feeling like you just had the best conversation ever? Why do religions that support love cause so many wars? Is it possible to know, without a doubt, what is good and what is evil? If you just won a million dollars, would you quit your job? Would you rather have less work to do, or more work you actually enjoy doing? When was the last time you marched into the dark with only the soft glow of an idea you strongly believed in? If you knew that everyone you know was going to die tomorrow, who would you visit today? Would you be willing to reduce your life expectancy by 10 years to become extremely attractive or famous? What is the difference between being alive and truly living? When is it time to stop calculating risk and rewards, and just go ahead and do what you know is right? If we learn from our mistakes, why are we always so afraid to make a mistake? What would you do differently if you knew nobody would judge you? When was the last time you noticed the sound of your own breathing? What do you love? Have any of your recent actions openly expressed this love? In 5 years from now, will you remember what you did yesterday? What about the day before that? Or the day before that? Decisions are being made right now. Are you making them for yourself, or are you letting others make them for you? Please share your thoughts with us in the comments section below. And check out these books for more thought-provoking questions:

### Chapter 4 : Top 10 Interesting Questions About Aliens - Listverse

*90 questions to help you skip small talk and connect with anyone: family, friends, co-workers, classmates, strangers, even yourself. Perfect for dinner parties, school and work events, and community get-togethers.*

For example, many years ago -- before we each found lasting love, against those game-playing odds -- Lo conducted a sort of social-romantic experiment: The hand-holding in public was immediate, as was the soul bearing. The relationship lasted only a month or two, but it was healthy and full of honest communication, and when they parted ways, it was as friends. Em accidentally conducted a similar experiment a decade ago: After Em had two great dates with a guy, the two of us Em and Lo had to fly to England for nearly a month, on a book tour for the U. So they naturally, mutually, without really discussing anything, just skipped all the are-we-really-into-each-other nonsense of those first unsteady weeks. And, reader, she married him. We found a third example of this kind of "speed mating" in the Modern Love column of the Times this past week: One of the couples in the study ended up marrying yes, the researcher scored an invite! Mandy and her date decided to replicate the experiment, except in a bar. They found the list of questions online and passed an iPhone back and forth between them who said smart phones are killing romance?! Reader, they fell in love. But on a first date, where chemistry and at least a little mutual interest has already been established, we like it a lot more than all of that crappy, heartbreaking game-playing. As the author says: But what I like about this study is how it assumes that love is an action. It assumes that what matters to my partner matters to me because we have at least three things in common, because we have close relationships with our mothers, and because he let me look at him. If you want to try it yourself, here are all 36 of Dr. You should take it in turns, each answering all 36 questions. Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest? Would you like to be famous? Before making a telephone call, do you ever rehearse what you are going to say? What would constitute a "perfect" day for you? When did you last sing to yourself? If you were able to live to the age of 90 and retain either the mind or body of a year-old for the last 60 years of your life, which would you want? Do you have a secret hunch about how you will die? Name three things you and your partner appear to have in common. For what in your life do you feel most grateful? If you could change anything about the way you were raised, what would it be? Take four minutes and tell your partner your life story in as much detail as possible. If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality or ability, what would it be? If a crystal ball could tell you the truth about yourself, your life, the future or anything else, what would you want to know? What is the greatest accomplishment of your life? What do you value most in a friendship? What is your most treasured memory? What is your most terrible memory? If you knew that in one year you would die suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are now living? What does friendship mean to you? What roles do love and affection play in your life? Alternate sharing something you consider a positive characteristic of your partner. Share a total of five items. How close and warm is your family? How do you feel about your relationship with your mother? Make three true "we" statements each. For instance, "We are both in this room feeling If you were going to become a close friend with your partner, please share what would be important for him or her to know. Share with your partner an embarrassing moment in your life. When did you last cry in front of another person? Tell your partner something that you like about them already. What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about? If you were to die this evening with no opportunity to communicate with anyone, what would you most regret not having told someone? Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Of all the people in your family, whose death would you find most disturbing? Also, ask your partner to reflect back to you how you seem to be feeling about the problem you have chosen. Set a timer on your iPhone, as the author of the piece did. After that, feel free to seal the deal with a kiss.

## Chapter 5 : Big Talk Question Card Game "BIG TALK

*Good questions to ask - My biggest list of questions so far! If you need more questions, you'll find them here. If you need more questions, you'll find them here. Questions to get to know someone - Plenty of great questions on this page that you can use for conversation starters.*

Would You Rather Icebreaker Questions Funny Icebreaker Questions What is one article of clothing that someone could wear that would make you walk out on a date with them? The zombie apocalypse is coming, who are 3 people you want on your team? What is your most used emoji? What was the worst style choice you ever made? What was the worst haircut you ever had? If you were a wrestler what would be your entrance theme song? Have you ever been told you look like someone famous, who was it? If you could bring back any fashion trend what would it be? What did you name your first car? Does your current car have a name? You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest? If a movie was made of your life what genre would it be, who would play you? If you were famous, what would you be famous for? You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick? What was your least favorite food as a child? Do you still hate it or do you love it now? If you had to eat one meal everyday for the rest of your life what would it be? If you were left on a deserted island with either your worst enemy or no one, which would you choose? If aliens landed on earth tomorrow and offered to take you home with them, would you go? Which decade do you love the most and why? When you die, what do you want to be remembered for? What would be the most surprising scientific discovery imaginable? What is your absolute dream job? What would your talent be if you were Miss or Mister World? What would the title of your autobiography be? If you had to delete all but 3 apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep? What is your favorite magical or mythological animal? What does your favorite shirt look like? Who is your favorite Disney hero or heroine? Would you trade places with them? What would your dream house be like? If you could add anyone to Mount Rushmore who would it be; why? What fictional family would you be a member of? What is your favorite television network? Who is the better businessman or business woman and why? Justin Timberlake or Justin Bieber? What was the worst job you ever had? You can have anyone fictional as your imaginary friend, who do you choose and why? What would your superpower be and why? As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? What fictional world or place would you like to visit? What is your favorite breakfast food? What is your favorite time of the day and why? What is your favorite TV show? What breed of dog would you be? If you had a time machine, would go back in time or into the future? Do you think you could live without your smartphone or other technology item for 24 hours? What is your favorite dessert? What was your favorite game to play as a child? Are you a traveler or a homebody? Have you ever met your idol or someone you revere greatly? Do you have a favorite plant? What did you have for breakfast this morning? What was the country you last visited outside of United States? What is your favorite meal to cook and why? Are you a morning person or a night person? What is your favorite musical instrument and why? Are you a cat person or a dog person? What languages do you know how to speak? What is your cellphone wallpaper? You can have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what is it? Would you go with aliens if they beamed down to Earth? Are you sunrise, daylight, twilight, or nighttime? What season would you be? Are you a good dancer? What fruit or vegetable would you most want to be? If You Could Icebreaker Questions If you could hang out with any cartoon character, who would you choose and why? If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be? If you could commit any crime and get away with it what would you choose and why? If you could choose any person from history to be your imaginary friend, who would it be and why? If you could see one movie again for the first time, what would it be and why? If you could live in any country, where would you live? If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with who would they be? If you could be any animal in the world, what animal would you choose to be? If you could do anything in the world as your career, what would you do? If you could be any supernatural creature, what would you be and why? If you could change places with anyone in the world, who would it be and why? If you could rename yourself, what name would you pick? If you could have someone follow you around all the time, like a personal assistant, what would you

have them do? If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be? If you could be guaranteed one thing in life besides money, what would it be? If you had to teach a class on one thing, what would you teach? If you could magically become fluent in any language, what would it be? If you could be immortal, what age would you choose to stop aging at and why? If you could be on a reality TV show, which one would you choose and why? If you could eliminate one thing from your daily routine, what would it be and why? If you could go to Mars, would you? Why or why not? If you could have the power of teleportation right now, where would you go and why? Would you rather meet your travel back in time to meet your ancestors or to the future to meet your descendants? Would you rather lose all of your money or all of your pictures? Would you rather have invisibility or flight? Would you rather live where it only snows or the temperature never falls below degrees? Would you rather always be slightly late or super early? Would you rather give up your smartphone or your computer? Would you rather live without heat and AC or live without social media? Would you rather be the funniest or smartest person in the room? Would you rather be able to run at miles per hour or fly at 10 miles per hour?

### Chapter 6 : The Only List of Icebreaker Questions Youâ€™ll Ever Need - Museum Hack

*BIG TALK Questions in Life's Themes By Kalina ABOUT BIG TALK is a project about skipping small talk to have deeper, more meaningful conversations instead. What started as a video, led to a TEDx talk, a global movement of events, a question card game, and a research project about empathy i.*

What did you do for last birthday? If you could have the perfect birthday party, what would it be? What is your favorite food? What is your favorite kind of ice cream? What is your favorite kind of candy? What is your favorite color? What is your favorite zoo animal? What is your favorite time of the year? Is your bedroom decorated? How is it decorated? Do you have to share your bedroom with anyone? If you could receive one thing in the whole world as a present right now, what would it be? What do you want to be when you get older? What is the silliest thing you have ever said or done? What do you like to spend your allowance on? Questions About School Where do you go to school? What grade are you in? Do you like the grade you are in more or less than last year? Do you ride the bus to school? What is your favorite thing to study at school? What are you studying in school right now in math? What is your least favorite thing to study? Do you have lots of homework to do each night? Who is your best friend? What do you like to play at recess? Do you ever stay home from school sick? When was the last time you stayed home? Questions About Their Activities What do you like to do for fun? Do you play sports? What is your favorite position to play? Does your team have a name? What is your favorite thing to do on the weekend? Do you prefer to spend your time inside or outside? Do you like to draw? What kinds of things do you draw? What do you do when you get home from school? Do you like to do puzzles? What about word puzzles? Does your family go on a vacation each year? Where does your family go on vacation? Where is the most exciting place you have been in the past year? Do you have a bike? What does it look like? Why do you like it? What is your favorite movie ever? What was the last movie you saw? Did you like it or not, and why? What is the best toy that you have? Do you like to read? What is your favorite book? What is your favorite computer game? Do you like to play video games? What kind of video game system do you have? What is your favorite game to play on the Wii, Xbox, etc? Do you like to go out to eat? What is your favorite place to eat? What kind of music do you like? What is your favorite song? Do you like to dance? Do you know how to play any instruments? Do you have a favorite Bible verse? What is the funniest name in the Bible? Do you pray to God every day? What types of things do you pray for? Who brings you to church mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, etc. Do you like coming to church? When you think of God, how do you picture him? Why do you think Jesus decided to come and die for our sins? Do you talk to your Mom and Dad about Jesus and the Bible? Do you tell other people about Jesus? Who have you told about Jesus recently? What is your least favorite thing that we do here each week? What have we done in the past that you would like to see again? Why or why not? I happen to be blessed by God to be one of those people who actually loves talking to kids many times more so than talking to adults. I enjoy engaging them, relating to them, chatting with them and learning from them. There are, however, a lot of people who love kids but just find sitting across the table from them and trying to have a conversation about as daunting and foreign as sitting across the table from an alien life form trying to learn about their planet. In order to help, I have compiled a list of questions and conversation starters to get kids talking. Much like any conversation, the key is to just get it started then it tends to take on a life of its own. There are literally thousands upon thousands of things you can talk to a child about. The more you get to know them and invest in their lives the deeper and more meaningful your conversations will become. In the meantime, hopefully this list will help give you some ideas on where to start when it comes to talking to kids.

### Chapter 7 : Hate Small Talk? These 5 Questions Will Help You Work Any Room

*These are 90 deep questions to help you skip the small talk and connect with anyone: family, friends, colleagues, classmates, strangers - even yourself. They are perfect for dinner parties, university orientation and corporate networking events, and community get-togethers.*

### Chapter 8 : 50 Questions That Will Free Your Mind

*Reddit gives you the best of the internet in one place. Get a constantly updating feed of breaking news, fun stories, pics, memes, and videos just for you. Passionate about something niche?*

### Chapter 9 : Questions To Ask Yourself in Life | Personal Excellence

*Mastering small talk will help you find common ground to create a mini-bond with new contacts. Small talk may feel trite and unimportant, but it's the small talk that leads to the big talk.*