

Gender Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

Think about the following words, and say if they feel more *feminine*, *masculine*, or *neutral*: punch, flower, book, love, kindness, language.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is different between men and women?
2. While some people identify as a man or a woman, some people identify as neither or as both or somewhere in-between. Do you feel 100% one gender?
3. If you are a girl, have you ever felt like a *tomboy*? Did you want to do activities that mainly boys were doing?
4. Some people want to be referred to with specific pronouns. For example, they might prefer they/them over he/him. Do you have a preference like this?
5. Did you go to a single-sex school or a mixed gender school? Which is better for academic and social development?
6. In the home you grew up in, were the gender roles very traditional? Who did the cooking? Who fixed things?
7. Are men better at some things than women? Are women better than men at some things?
8. Do you prefer working with men or women? Do you prefer to have a female or a male boss? Give your reasons.
9. Some bars or nightclubs offer free entry to women on *ladies' nights*. How do you feel about this?
10. Should a man hold a door for a woman *because* she is a woman? Why might this practice annoy some people?
11. What is your impression of *feminism*?
12. Do you know any *male chauvinists*? What kind of ideas do they express?
13. What are some common learning differences between girls and boys? Why do they seem to have different strengths?
14. Has your country ever had a female leader? Does the gender of a leader make a difference?
15. Do women face more barriers to succeeding in business than men?
16. Should women be able to fight on the front line in the military? Can you think of any reasons against this?
17. Some people grow up feeling they are the wrong gender and take steps to live as the gender they feel they are inside. Have you met a *transgender* person? What kinds of challenges do they face?

