



Conversation Starters

Technology is all around us. Bring it to your dinner table discussions with these conversation starters!



Which do you think we'll have first: flying cars or jet packs?

What is the most important invention we use every day?

What will the food of the future look like?

If you could invent a solution to help one big world problem, what would it be?

Would you rather travel to the moon or the bottom of the ocean?

If you could add one new feature to a car, what would it be?

Do you think it's possible to change the world? Why or why not?

How do you think technology (like smartphones) has changed the way people communicate?

Do you prefer reading books on a tablet or on paper?

Engineers design things and make them better. What things in your kitchen have been engineered?

If you could invent an app, what would it do?

Who was the best inventor of all time?

Do you think technology makes communication better or more difficult?

If you had to make a stop-motion movie with the food on your table, what would it look like?

How do you find technology helpful for learning?

Do you ever find yourself distracted by social media or your cell phone when you're trying to focus on school or work? What do you do when that happens?

If you were a parent, what strategies would you use to try to keep your kids safe with technology, cell phones, and social media?

How would you explain "likes" to someone who has never used social media? Are they important, and if so, why?

What will be different about the world in 50 years? What will be the same?

If you could invent a machine to do something in your life, what would that machine do?

If you had a chance to leave earth, would you? What would you miss about earth?



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What planet would you most like to visit?

How does social media affect your relationships with others?

In the year 2030, what do you hope we will have discovered that will make the world better?

Are there any situations when it's OK to read another person's private messages or emails?

Do people you know ever share passwords (for example, with friends, significant others, or family members)?

What planet would you like to visit most?

If you were a utensil, what would you be?

Do you ever take breaks from using your cell phone and checking your messages/social media? Why, or why not?

How would your day be different without the internet? Without cell phones?

What is your favorite way to keep in touch with people you don't see everyday?

If you had to give up one piece of technology, what would it be and why?

What is one thing you learned about technology today?

If you could make one piece of technology accessible to everyone in the world, what would it be and why?

Do you think there is a need to explore the potential for living on other planets? Why or why not?

Imagine you could design a home to live on another planet. What would it look like? (feel free to draw a picture). Who would you take from Earth to live with you?

Do you think using social media to broadcast historic happenings in "real time" might change the way people view those events?

Would you be more likely to want to learn about something from history if it were presented in social media or in some other digital format? Why or why not?

If you could "live tweet" any event or series of events from history, what would you choose and why?

Would you be inclined to 'drive' a self-driving car or be a passenger in one?