

50 Ultimate Table Topics Questions

A Curated List for Toastmasters & Public Speakers By Jel Salamanca | Unofficial Guide

Introduction

The Table Topics Master has one of the hardest jobs in the meeting: coming up with original, engaging questions that fit the theme and the time limit. This list is designed to help you run a smooth, fun, and engaging session.

How to use this list:

- **Select a Category:** Choose a vibe based on your meeting theme.
 - **Cut & Fold:** You can print this list and cut the questions into strips for a drawing bowl.
 - **Keep it handy:** Save this PDF on your phone for emergency backup questions.
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Part 1: Light & Funny (Ice Breakers)

Great for warming up the room.

1. What is the worst haircut you have ever had?
 2. If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
 3. What is a fashion trend you hope never comes back?
 4. Tell us about a time you tried to fix something and made it worse.
 5. What is the strangest gift you have ever received?
 6. If animals could talk, which one would be the rudest?
 7. What is your favorite smell in the whole world?
 8. If you were a wrestler, what would be your entrance theme song?
 9. What is the most useless talent you possess?
 10. If you could ban one household chore forever, what would it be?
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Part 2: The "If You Could..." (Creative)

Forces the speaker to use their imagination.

11. If you could have dinner with any person, dead or alive, who would it be?
12. If you could instantly master one skill without practicing, what would you choose?
13. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three items would you bring?
14. If you could travel to any point in the past or future, where would you go?
15. If you won the lottery today, what is the first thing you would buy?
16. If you could trade lives with a movie character for a week, who would it be?



17. If you could design your dream home, what is one crazy feature it must have?
 18. If you were a superhero, what would your weakness be?
 19. If you could speak to the entire world for 30 seconds, what would you say?
 20. If you wrote a book about your life, what would the title be?
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Part 3: Deep & Thought-Provoking

Best for experienced speakers or advanced clubs.

21. What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?
 22. Define what "Success" looks like to you personally.
 23. What is a failure that you are now grateful for?
 24. If you could change one thing about the way you were raised, what would it be?
 25. What is one thing you believe that most people disagree with?
 26. When was the last time you stepped completely out of your comfort zone?
 27. Who has had the biggest influence on your career?
 28. What do you want to be remembered for?
 29. Is it better to be respected or liked?
 30. What is a fear you have conquered?
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Part 4: Rapid Fire (This or That)

Short on time? Ask the speaker to pick a side and defend it for 1 minute.

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| 31. Cats or Dogs? | 41. Android or iPhone? |
| 32. Coffee or Tea? | 42. Beach vacation or Mountain hiking? |
| 33. Morning Bird or Night Owl? | 43. Working alone or Working in a team? |
| 34. City Life or Countryside? | 44. Sweet or Savory? |
| 35. Book or Movie? | 45. Physical Book or E-Reader? |
| 36. Summer or Winter? | 46. Fiction or Non-Fiction? |
| 37. Plane or Train? | 47. Dine-in or Take-out? |
| 38. Planning everything or Going with the flow? | 48. Loud Party or Quiet Dinner? |
| 39. Truth or Dare? | 49. Comedy or Horror? |
| 40. Saving money or Spending on experiences? | 50. Texting or Calling? |
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💡 Practice These Questions!

Don't wait for the meeting. Pick a number from 1-50, set a timer, and practice answering instantly. 👉 Use our free tool: [Unofficial Speech Timer](#) (Set to "Table Topics" mode)

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