



FAST FLUENCY FORMULA

Conversation Topics – SF#223

Secret Library

<http://deepenglish.com/2016/08/secret-library/>

A. Conversation Questions

With your partner(s), use the questions below as prompts for conversation. Feel free to expand the conversation by going off-topic and talking about other things. When you feel a lull in the conversation, choose a new conversation question. You do not have to answer all the questions, nor do you need to answer them in order.

1. Do you like to read? If so, what are some of your favorite books? If not, why not?
2. What was the most recent book you read? Summarize it.
3. What is your local library like? Do you ever go there?
4. What do you know about the political situation in Syria?
5. These Syrians risk their lives to build their library. Is there anything in your life that you would risk your life for?
6. Have you ever been given hope or inspiration by a book? What book was it?
7. With electronic books and access to information from the internet, do you think libraries may become rare in the future?
8. Frederick Douglas said "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." What did he mean by this?
9. Omar said that he believes searching for books is as important as searching for food. Do you think that nourishing the mind is a basic human need? Why?
10. If you maintained a secret library in a war zone, what kind of books would you stock it with?

B. Vocab Conversation Questions

Discuss the following questions with your partner. In your answer, try to use the highlighted word phrase as many times as possible. When your partner is speaking, count the number of times that he or she is able to use the highlighted phrase.

The purpose is to repeat the vocabulary terms as many times as possible. In this way, you will more deeply embed the term into your personal vocabulary bank and will be much more likely to use it in a future conversation.

1. Have you ever been near or inside a **bombed-out** building?
2. What do you think being a **sniper** is like?
3. Describe a time when you had to **dodge** something.
4. In times of war, do you think the enemy forces should try to avoid putting **civilians** in danger?
5. What is **hard to come by** where you live?
6. Talk about someone you know who risked **life and limb** for a particular cause.
7. Can you name some places that have been **devastated** by bombs and bullets?
8. What do you **deem** to be too dangerous for children?
9. What are some of the most **grueling** jobs you can think of?