

SCRIPT OF A SPEECH ABOUT MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

Conversation is a fundamental means of civilized communication and, as such, learning to create conversation skillfully is a critical aspect of our basic education. Building conversation skills improves our sense of composure and connection with those in our inner circle of friends and family, as well as the many other people we encounter each day.

Meaningful conversation measures how well we articulate and reflect kindly toward others. The more appropriately we are able to express ourselves as we communicate, the more approachable others consider us to be.

Learning to articulate well in conversation requires not only appearing intelligent and interesting to others, but more importantly, revealing how thoughtful, diplomatic, and resourceful we are about getting to know others and showing interest in them.

Without enough training in the appropriate etiquette rules and guidelines of meaningful conversation, we can too easily approach conversation from a socially deficient standpoint and appear rather self-centered, shy, or uncaring.

In truth, we may forget important happenings in other people's lives. Yet this may seem cool and indifferent to others when we don't inquire. The other person might misinterpret our memory lapse or less educated mode of understanding as lacking attention, consideration, and friendliness.

We may be so interested in sharing our own thoughts and ideas that we absorb conversations without realizing that we need to pause and let others share as well.

Observing the quality of our existing conversation skills is necessary to sharpen our awareness of any deficiencies. Such investigation helps us to realize the need for improvement.

How many of us have really thought of questioning the quality of our conversation? How can we realize whether we are rambling on, and not spending enough time in truly discussing important subject matter without examining the content of our conversation? Do we consider asking others questions instead of just contributing valuable topics and meaningful points?

Being aware of the dynamics of meaningful conversation and learning to apply the elements involved. Clarity, listening, and thoughtfulness are distinct personal and professional assets. Yet like learning to write with excellence, dynamic conversation requires specific direction and practice.

In closing, I am suggesting here that an important aspect of the art of relating well with others involves learning how to construct healthy, well-choreographed conversation.

Usually, conversing at a high EQ level doesn't just happen. Improving conversational skills necessitates developing a more delicate sense of what is involved and what is fitting. Many of these conversation skills require little education, but rather just an understanding of valuable preplanning homework and guidelines.

We can become more conversely articulate in an emotionally meaningful way. The quality of our relationships and real depth of our social interactions depend on, not only our emotional feelings toward others, but also on how well we have learned to communicate. I thank you for listening.