

Social Language

**Task Q: Changing Conversational Topics, *continued***

You'll need a partner for this task. One person will begin a conversation with a sentence or two about the first topic. At the right time, the other person will shift the conversation to the second topic. Topic changes should be natural and not abrupt.

9. being the youngest child → being the oldest child

first speaker: "I'm the youngest child in our family. Sometimes it's hard because your older brothers and sisters can do things that you can't."

10. radio → TV

first speaker: "Some people listen to music on the radio, but I like to listen to the news."

11. Ferris wheel → merry-go-round

first speaker: "I love to go to the carnival so I can ride the Ferris wheel. It's really fun when it stops and you're on the top."

12. rodeo → hockey

first speaker: "Have you ever been to a western rodeo? It's exciting when the riders are on your side of the arena."

13. the high price of groceries → growing your own food

first speaker: "I can't believe how much I spend when I go to the grocery store! Food prices just keep going up!"

14. woodworking → pottery

first speaker: "I just finished making a cradle for my sister's baby. I really enjoy working with wood."

15. piano lessons → rock bands

first speaker: "I'm trying to convince my daughter to take piano lessons. She doesn't realize that the piano is basic to most music."

16. congressmen → elections

first speaker: "We have a very good congressman from our district. He truly cares about the people he represents."

17. space travel → the Pilgrims

first speaker: "I think you have to like the unknown to travel into space. It takes a great deal of courage."

*I.E.P. Goal: Given a set of topics, the client will make an appropriate shift from one topic to another in a natural manner, with 90% or greater accuracy.*