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TOPIC	POSSIBLE CREATIVE GROUPINGS
1. ICEBREAKERS	1. People who enjoy public speaking in English
	2. People who enjoy public speaking in their own language
	3. People who are comfortable talking to strangers in English
	4. People who are comfortable talking to people they know
	5. People who aren't comfortable talking to strangers
	6. People who are shy
2. COMPLAINING & APOLOGIZING	1. People who have had a problem with a neighbour but didn't complain
	2. People who have had a problem with a neighbour and DID complain
	3. People who have complained to the manager of a restaurant, store or business
	4. People who are too shy or scared to complain, but wishes they could
	5. People who complain to their friends, but never to the person who is the problem
	6. People whose friends would call them a complainer
3. EVERYDAY STATEMENTS, QUESTIONS & RESPONSES	1. People who like to have parties at their house
	2. People who are sarcastic in their own language
	3. People who like to ask other people personal questions
	4. People who don't like personal questions
	5. People who have some recent good news.
	6. People who have some recent bad news.
4. OPINIONS	1. People who have a LOT of opinions
	2. People who have a spouse or friend with a LOT of opinions
	3. People who don't like to express their opinions
	4. People who aren't really interested in other people's opinions
	5. People who love to argue or debate (for fun, not in anger)
	6. People who HATE to argue or debate
5. INVITING, ACCEPTING, REFUSING & UNSURE	1. People who like to have parties with their extended family
	2. People who like to have parties only with their immediate family
	3. People who like to have parties with all of their friends
	4. People who like to have parties with only their close friends
	5. People who like to have parties with children
	6. People who DON'T like to have parties
6. ADVICE	1. People who have/had a problem with their child or children
	2. People who have/had a problem with their spouse/partner
	3. People who have/had a problem with their neighbour
	4. People who have/had a problem with their co-worker
	5. People who have/had a problem with their boss
	6. People who have/had a problem yourself



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7. POLITE REQUESTS	1. People who don't mind asking for help
	2. People who like giving help
	3. People who like borrowing things from their friends
	4. People who are happy to lend things to their friends
	5. People who were a boss (manager or supervisor) in their job
	6. People who find Canadians too polite!
8. TELEPHONE STARTERS	1. People who LIVE on their phone
	2. People who check their cell phone 4-6 times a day.
	3. People who don't TALK on their cell phone, but TEXT a LOT.
	4. People who talk on their cell phone in ENGLISH.
	5. People who seldom use a cell phone
	6. "What cell phone?" (People who don't have a cell phone)
9. SYMPTOMS	1. People who have a serious (or chronic) health issue
	2. People who get sick frequently
	3. People who seldom get sick
	4. People who have a family member with a serious health issue
	5. People who have a family member who gets sick frequently
	6. People whose family members seldom get sick
10. GENERALIZATIONS	1. People who think there are only 2 kinds of people in the world (Don't say WHAT 2 kinds – let them work that out!)
	2. People who think all French people drink wine and eat baguettes
	3. People who think animal testing is wrong
	4. People who think women are better (smarter, stronger) than men
	5. People who think men are better (smarter, stronger) than women
	6. People who think the problems of global warming are exaggerated in the media
11. ORDERING FOOD	1. People who drink 3 or more cups of coffee a day
	2. People who drink 1 or 2 cups of coffee a day
	3. People who don't drink coffee at all
	4. People who eat in restaurants once or twice a week
	5. People who eat in restaurants at least once a month
	6. People who seldom eat in restaurants
12. 5W INFORMATION QUESTIONS	1. People who like to ask people questions about their lives
	2. People who don't like asking people questions about their lives
	3. People who are comfortable answering questions about their lives
	4. People who don't like answering questions about their lives
	5. People whose families avoid discussing personal problems
	6. People whose families usually discuss personal problems



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13. CAN / CAN'T – TALENTS & SKILLS	1. People who have many talents
	2. People who have only a few talents
	3. People who knows someone with many talents
	4. People who have many skills
	5. People who have only a few skills
	6. People who know someone with many skills
14. CAN / CAN'T COULD / COULDN'T	1. People who can do something the same as when they were a child
	2. People who CAN'T do the same things as when they were a child
	3. People who can do things now that other people can't do
	4. People who feel there are things they could never do (for practical or moral reasons)
	5. People who wish they could do something that they can't do (What?)
	6. People who like to imagine future possibilities
15. GERUNDS & INFINITIVES; HOBBIES & RESPONSIBILITIES	1. People who have a lot of hobbies
	2. People who want to do something new this year
	3. People who have a lot of responsibilities
	4. People who believe "Don't worry, be happy" (you could play the song)
	5. People who are learning a new skill
	6. People who think they have no talent (Find out that they DO!)
16. "HOW" QUESTIONS	1. People who are "handy" – i.e., know how to repair things at home
	2. People who always wonder how something is made
	3. People who wonder how much things cost whenever they see them
	4. People who always ask others how their weekend was
	5. People who like to ask personal questions
	6. People who like to give advice, such as how to save money
17. SAY vs. TELL QUOTED to REPORTED SPEECH	1. People who had a very interesting childhood
	2. People who had an okay childhood
	3. People who had a really boring childhood
	4. People who think children are too spoiled today
	5. People who either spoil or plan to spoil their grandchildren
	6. People who had a very interesting childhood
18. THE FUTURE	1. People who will do something special soon
	2. People who have a special plan for next week
	3. People who have a special plan for next month
	4. People who have a special plan for this year
	5. People who have a special plan for next year
	6. People who don't have any plans or don't like making plans



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19. PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE: IN / ON / AT	1. People who grew up in a city
	2. People who grew up on a farm
	3. People who grew up in a village or small town
	4. People who lived at home until they were more than 25 years old
	5. People who went away to university
	6. People who are still living at home
20. PREPOSITIONS OF TIME: IN / ON / AT	1. People who were born in the spring
	2. People who were born in the summer
	3. People who were born in the fall
	4. People who were born in the winter
	5. People whose grandparents don't know their own birthday
	6. People who never celebrate a birthday
21. "MY LIFE RIGHT NOW" (Pres vs. Pres. Contin.)	1. People who think they will stay in this city for the rest of their life
	2. People who think they probably won't stay in this city
	3. People who have plans for the near future
	4. People who started a new activity recently
	5. People whose kid(s) just started a new activity
	6. People whose kid(s) just moved out
22. SPEAK vs. TALK	1. People who enjoy speaking in public
	2. People who can speak 3 or more languages
	3. People who are the ones who do the talking when you're negotiating to buy something
	4. People who would rather listen than talk
	5. People who talk more than they listen
	6. People who have been paid to speak
23. SEE / LOOK AT / WATCH	1. People who like to see movies in the theatre/cinema
	2. People who prefer to watch movies at home
	3. People who would rather look at a sunset than go to a movie
	4. People who like to look at art in a gallery
	5. People who enjoy watching sports live
	6. People who have seen something amazing!
24. USING MODALS	1. People who like to see movies in the theatre/cinema
	2. People who prefer to watch movies at home
	3. People who would rather look at a sunset than go to a movie
	4. People who like to look at art in a gallery
	5. People who enjoy watching sports live
	6. People who have seen something amazing!



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25. LEARNING PRONUNCIATION	1. People who think learning pronunciation is EASY.
	2. People who think learning pronunciation is OKAY.
	3. People who think learning pronunciation is DIFFICULT.
	4. People who can play a musical instrument (Correlated to #1!)
	5. People who can sing. (Correlated to #1!)
	6. People who can't carry a tune. (Correlated to #3!)
26. LONG a POETRY	1. People who like to write poetry
	2. People who like to read poetry
	3. People who really don't know much about poetry
	4. People who can't stand poetry
	5. People who liked poetry when they were children
	6. People who know a poet
27. SHORT i / LONG i / LONG E COLOURS	1. People who love the colour pink
	2. People who don't like pink
	3. People who like to wear white
	4. People who don't like to wear white
	5. People who like the colour green
	6. People who don't like green
28. SHORT o / LONG o / HOME	1. People whose favourite place is their home
	2. People who want to find a new home
	3. People whose father and mother live with them
	4. People who live alone or with one other person
	5. People who live with only their own kids
	6. People who always welcome friends to stay for the weekend
29. SHORT u / LONG u SUMMER	1. People who like summer best
	2. People who hate the summer
	3. People who travel in the summer
	4. People who love to go to the beach
	5. People who love gardening
	6. People who love outdoor patios at restaurants
30. MAKING RHYMES	1. People who understand poetry
	2. People who usually prefer music to movies
	3. People who love to make rhymes
	4. People who don't think making rhymes is fun
	5. People who are confused by pronunciation
	6. People who write poetry



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31. LEARNING STYLES	1. People who learn best by listening to an explanation
	2. People who learn best by watching someone
	3. People who learn best by doing it themselves
	4. People who learn best by working independently
	5. People who learn best by using a combination of any 2 of the above
	6. People who learn best by listening to an explanation
32. "er" SOUND CLOTHING	1. People who are wearing a shirt (with a collar)
	2. People who own or has owned something made of fur (If no one, then People who can knit a sweater)
	3. People who were more fashionable in their home country.
	4. People who have had a job serving people (wore a uniform)
	5. People who love the colour purple
	6. People who are wearing a shirt (with a collar)
33. "oi" SOUND CHILDREN	1. People whose children are noisy
	2. People who have children who destroy things
	3. People whose child(ren) are looking for employment
	4. People whose children enjoy being lazy
	5. People who don't have any children
	6. People who secretly love to play with their kids' toys
34. "ed" PRONUNCIATION MEMORIES	1. People who have had a great vacation within the last year
	2. People who have a happy memory of a family celebration
	3. People who have an amazing memory!
	4. People who've had a bad experience with Customer Service
	5. People who have had an amazing experience
	6. People who want to talk about how they met their spouse
35. Final "S" PRONUNCIATION FAMILY MEMBERS	1. People who have a favourite sister
	2. People who have a favourite brother
	3. People who have a favourite cousin
	4. People who have a favourite aunt
	5. People who have a favourite uncle
	6. People who have a favourite grandparent
36. PRONUNCIATION R / L / N THINGS WE LOVE	1. People who love cars
	2. People who love phone calls
	3. People who love tunes (songs)
	4. People who love tours
	5. People who love working with tools
	6. People who can't tell the difference between R & L & N sounds



TOPIC	POSSIBLE CREATIVE GROUPINGS
37. FAMILY MEMBERS & OCCUPATIONS	1. People who have 2 or fewer brothers and sisters
	2. People who have 3-5 brothers, sisters or cousins
	3. People who have more than 5 brothers, sisters or cousins
	4. People who have more than 5 aunts & uncles
	5. People who have no aunts or uncles
	6. People who have the same job as someone in their family
38. ABBREVIATIONS	1. People who do a lot of texting or online chatting
	2. People who are interested in world news
	3. People who have moved in the past year or 2 years
	4. People who are looking for a new place to live
	5. People who have a good memory
	6. People who have a poor memory
39. CARS & DRIVING	1. People who LOVE to drive
	2. People who HATE to drive
	3. People who CAN'T drive (and don't want to)
	4. People who CAN'T drive (but WANT to)
	5. People who love their car
	6. People who want a new car
40. COLOURS	1. People who to wear like bright colours
	2. People who to wear pastel colours
	3. People who to wear neutral colours
	4. People who to decorate with bright colours
	5. People who to decorate with pastel colours
	6. People who to decorate with neutral colours
41. USING "GET"	1. People who get lost easily.
	2. People who seldom get lost.
	3. People who get mad easily.
	4. People who seldom get mad.
	5. People who think they aren't getting older, they're getting better.
	6. People who think the world is getting smaller.
42. "GOOD AT" vs. "BAD AT" TALENTS & ABILITIES	1. People who are good at doing something creative
	2. People who are good at organizing things in their home
	3. People who are good at making friends or managing people
	4. People who are good at managing money
	5. People who are good at fixing things
	6. People who are good at planning parties, events or festivals



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43. NEW YEAR'S GOAL SETTING	1. People who always make at least one New Year's resolution
	2. People who never make a New Year's resolution
	3. People who believe in setting goals on a regular basis
	4. People who prefer to live spontaneously
	5. People who have achieved a goal this year
	6. People who would like to learn to make goals
44. VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE & RELATIONSHIPS	1. People who believe in "love at first sight"
	2. People who are hopeless romantics
	3. People who think "romantic love" is an illusion created by Hollywood
	4. People who think you should only be married once in your life
	5. People who think men & women can be friends
	6. People who think men & women can never be friends
45. SPRING	1. People who think spring is the best season
	2. People who were born in spring
	3. People who celebrate their most important festival in spring
	4. People who see spring as "the beginning of allergy season"
	5. People who get new clothes every spring
	6. People who get restless in spring
46. MOTHER'S DAY	1. People who are a mother themselves
	2. People who are very close to their mother
	3. People who are closer to a grandmother than their mother
	4. People who think mothers are underappreciated
	5. People who learned their most important life lessons from their mother
	6. People who love an older woman "like a mother"
47. FATHER'S DAY	1. People who are a father themselves
	2. People who are very close to their father
	3. People who are closer to a grandfather than their father
	4. People who think father are underappreciated
	5. People who learned their most important life lessons from their father
	6. People who love an older man "like a father"
48. LABOUR DAY EMPLOYMENT	1. People whose parents worked too hard
	2. People who think that they work too hard
	3. People who think we don't get enough vacation days in Canada
	4. People who think they have a "good work/life balance"
	5. People whose spouse/parent is/was a workaholic
	6. People who think the Minimum Wage should be higher



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49. THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE	1. People who give thanks for the good things in their life every day
	2. People who are especially grateful to one special person (Who?)
	3. People who prefer to help others rather than be helped
	4. People who accomplished the best things in their life with no help
	5. People who believe gratitude leads to happiness
	6. People who feel unappreciated
50. CHRISTMAS WINTER	1. People who love Christmas & go to church
	2. People who love Christmas but don't go to church
	3. People who think Christmas is a retail scam
	4. People who love winter
	5. People who hate winter but stay in Canada
	6. People who try to go south in the winter
51. MATERIALISM	1. People who like to buy new things
	2. People who like new things (as long as YOU are paying!)
	3. People who prefer the things they already have to something new
	4. People who pinch every penny
	5. People who like to buy new things
	6. People who like new things (as long as YOU are paying!)
52. CITY LIFE vs. COUNTRY LIFE	1. People who grew up in a city
	2. People who grew up on a farm
	3. People who grew up in a village or small town
	4. People who lived at home until they were more than 25 years old
	5. People who went away to university
	6. People who are still living at home