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Jenga questions template

I write this because I see every article on the internet telling people how to create a Jenga conversation game (whether in language classrooms or having fun at a party) and they're all doing it wrong! I don't want to yell, but seriously guys- writing questions out of every single Jenga piece?! That's crazy! You're going to spend so much time doing it and then get super sick after playing these questions that only 2 or 3 times! And what if you want to use them one day in class and the next day with your friends?! Different audiences = different questions required! So, I'm going to explain how to make a reusable conversation with Jenga! The kind where you don't have to throw away all the Jenga pieces and buy a new Jenga look a month later. And it's so easy, you can laugh (and cry over the Jenga look just two hours spent writing questions). In this post, I explain: Why you need to do it one way And you get a list of question ideas you can use (this post directly if you want to copy and paste, as well as PDF format at the very bottom). Why a reusable Jenga conversation game? This game is so awesome for language teachers or language instructors doing a lot of conversation lessons. Sometimes adding a tactile and fun element to otherwise normal conversation can make your experience that much better. It's also awesome for parties. We had Phil's 30th birthday party last year and just decided to play this Jenga game on the coffee table if people hung out on that spot wanted to use it/there was nothing to talk about and it was great! Who wouldn't appreciate it if he was the trigger for a low-key, stress-free conversation at a party? We called it No Small Talk Jenga, and people who didn't know each other suddenly asked each other questions like should he swim 100 meters through corpses or human excrement? ... You know, important stuff. Also, it's very easy and you can use it over and over again for countless different questions in your classroom properly torn, depending on your audience. How to make a reusable Jenga conversation game Here's what you need: a Jenga game and sharpie. That's it, that's it! Go to a thrift store and pick up a cheap Jenga look or get an amazon. Take a marker and put a number on each Jenga piece. It doesn't matter where you write it on the play. One number per piece. You would need to enter a total of 54 pieces in a standard Jenga set. Now, to play, you just need to print the list (or check out the list on your device) with 54 questions! Every time someone pulls out a Jenga piece, they have to answer the question that matches the number on the list! And... This whole game. You don't have to write out the whole question for each Jenga piece. You can create and recreate question lists as you like. Print out a new list for each occasion. All classes are conversations. Every party! For our party, the list of questions (which took three sheets of paper) was glued to our glass Table 2 (bottom). It was actually perfect because you could read the questions through the glass and it didn't matter that the table got wet - the paper was intact. Maybe you can stick the questions on the wall in a party scenario. What works best for you? One more professional tip: You can wash beer-soaked Jenga pieces in the dishwasher, no problem! ☺ List of Questions in the Jenga conversation game As I mentioned, you can create and print a list of 54 questions that you want, depending on your audience/class/party, etc. But here's a list of questions to get you started. They are somewhat neutral, featuring some deep-ish issues with lower numbers, and increasingly bizarre and more type issues with higher numbers. There is a PDF of this list available at the bottom of this post if you want it! 1. What is the greatest fear and why? 2. What is the most passionate? 3. What was the highlight of the week? 4. What kind of job did you want as a child? 5. What is your greatest regret? 6. If money wasn't a problem at all, how would you spend your days? 7. If you could choose anyone alive or dead in the world, who would you like to be your dinner guest? 8. Want to be famous? In what sense? 9. Before you make a phone call, do you ever try to see what you're going to say? Why? 10. What would be the perfect day for you? 11. When was the last time you sang to yourself? Someone else? 12. What are the 3 most important things about a romantic partner? 13. Why are you the most resented in life? 14. If you could change anything about your upbringing, what would it be? 15. Is there anything you've dreamed of for a long time? Why didn't you do it? 16. What do I think is the greatest achievement in your life? Why? 17. What do you value most about a friendship? 18. If you knew that in a year's time you would suddenly die, is there anything you would change in the way you live now? Why? 19. How close and warm is the family? Do you feel like your childhood was happier than most others? 20. What do you think of your relationship with your parents? 21. Tell everyone around you something you love about them already. 22. If you were to die tonight if you didn't have a chance to communicate with anyone, what would you regret more if you didn't tell someone? Why haven't you told them yet? 23. Would you rather have a unicorn horn or monkey tail for the rest of your life? 24. The house, which has everything you own, lights up. Once you have saved your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make one last hyphen to save one of the items. What would that be? Why? 25. What is the most annoying habit anyone can get? 26. What is the most beautiful place you have ever seen? 27. If you had to change your name, what would you change it to? 28. What does success mean for you? 29. Has anyone ever saved your life? Have you ever saved someone's life? 30. What was the best year of your life? Why? 31. What smell back the good memories for you? 32. What are you nervous about? 33. Which TV show or movie do you want your life to be like? 34. If your life were a movie, what genre would it be? 35th Do you have a strange talent? 36. Would you rather be alone for the rest of your life or always surrounded by annoying people? 37. Is it the first person to discover a planet or the inventor of a drug that cures a deadly disease? 38. Would you rather be locked in a room that is constantly dark for a week or in a room that is constantly bright for a week? 39. Would you rather find true love or a suitcase with five million dollars? 40. Would you rather be able to teleport anywhere or be able to read minds? 41. Would you rather have unlimited sushi for life or unlimited tacos for life? 42. Would you rather give up bathing for a month or give up the internet for a month? 43. Would you rather be fluent in all languages and never be able to travel or travel anywhere for a year, but would you never be able to learn a word about another language? 44. Would you rather have an unlimited international first class ticket or never have to pay for food in restaurants? 45. Would you rather fly or talk to animals? 46. Would you rather have a famous director or a famous actor? 47. Would you rather read every word you read or sing everything you say out loud? 48. Would you rather be a wonderful painter or a brilliant mathematician? 49. Would you rather swim 300 feet of crap or corpses? 50. Would you rather be the funniest person in the room or the most intelligent? 51. Would you like no one to attend your wedding or funeral? 52. Would you rather know how you will die or when will you die? 53. Would you rather read your mind or accurately predict the future? 54. Would you rather visit 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future? Click here to see the PDF version of these 54 Jenga Questions Enjoy! ☺ This interactive Jenga game has a list of questions to go with each block. Used for therapy or as a family game, they're a great way to open a conversation! This post contains affiliate links which earn me commissions to be clicked on them and take certain actions. As an affiliate of Amazon and other sites, they are looking for qualifying purchases. Please DIY carefully. See the full legal disclosures here. Please read the entire post so you don't miss important information! I have this interactive Jenga game for work and kids love it. A former supervisor had one in his office and I've built the idea over the years with the help of clients and colleagues. Interactive Jenga is a great way to play Jenga with your kids while building your social skills and improving your relationship. It teaches good sharing and listening skills. This allows them to talk about topics that they might not talk about or think about. Children like to be listened to enthusiastically by adults and able to explain their points and they saw that they enjoyed the response of their parents. Be sure to check out my newer version of the game, Family Jenga. My newer version of the numbers is printed using a cricut machine, so it's definitely more professional looking. If you like this post, you can also love my post about how to make bingo games for kids to play on car rides! It's super easy! Winners and losers in Interactive Jenga I don't talk about who won or lost when I play with children, although some kids (and adults) are really concerned about it. Sometimes you need to have a few games with your kids before they stop focusing on that part. To re-focus on how to win? concerns, I talk to my clients about building the tower together - Let's see how high we can put it! In addition to each person, the tower can hurt or help other players. As we build the tower, we build our relationship... In therapy, we build relationships with the client while we play and learn more about our client, but when families play together, they do the same thing. That's great for a few reasons. First of all, it allows the child to get to know you as a person, not just a disciplinary or parent. Secondly, if you know about someone and more about why they think something, they are more likely to be respected. We also show respect by listening quietly to the other person's response, not interrupting them, forcing our opinions on them, and rushing to take our own turn. Respect is vital in parent-child relationships, and contrary to what many believe, we earn respect not by bringing a child into the world, but by what you do to them as parents afterwards. It's very important. As a therapist and social worker, my goal is not always to be liked by everyone, but to have a good relationship and be respected. That allows me to say, Sally, your mom called me last night and said you were in trouble at school. Tell me what happened, and later, I'm really disappointed that you did this, but I'm glad you could talk about it. What can you do next? If you have a good rapport with your child (or customer) and respect you, you will be interested to be motivated to change their behavior. You can compare this game to common relationship issues. For example, if the trust has been lost, it must be rebuilt. Restoring trust takes time and effort, as does rebuilding the Jenga Tower. Each block requires effort because you have to think about the question and give a thoughtful answer. It's not a game to rush... you want to spend time on each block to discuss. If you go too fast and drive to speed, you accidentally knock down the tower. Like relationships, if you try to build relationships too quickly and you're too increase their intensity, it can cause the connection to fall apart. Setting Boundaries While Playing Therapy with Jenga Jenga For therapists, if a parent is playing in this game they still have to maintain the right boundaries while playing. For example, anyone who has lost you close to you is difficult for you, or choose another loss, or keep it vague. Proper answer: I lost my grandmother a couple of years ago and it was hard because it was important to me. Inappropriate: Weeping for an hour to break down and stop the game. Adults take care of children, not the other way around. If you can't handle the answer to the question, don't add it to the list. Don't post questions on the list just to fish for the answer that you're hoping to get (ie. Have you ever used marijuana? if you only found a check mark in your son's school bag). Just play. That kind of thing has to be dealt with somewhere else. I'm giving you answers that my clients understand... I'm not saying my favorite class is abnormal psychology, I'm saying science. Favorite book? Harry Potter, not Game of Thrones. Tailor it to the child's level. How to make your own interactive Jenga game All you have to do is buy the old fashioned Jenga game in the store. I think that giant Jenga towers well, so if you wanted to get some physical activity too, that would be nice! I volunteered for a therapeutic riding program one summer, and we often did activities where disabled children were supposed to stretch as part of their therapy on horseback. It definitely works in this regard if you use large blocks. Then you'll need to put together a list of 54 questions, one for each block. In my small version, I wrote a number for each block and then print out the numbered list of questions. But with large blocks you can type the question on each block. The advantage of printing out the questions is that you could come up with a new list and change your questions whenever you want. Be sure to personalize your questions about the age of your children playing the game. I mix mine with some really personal questions and some really light-hearted questions. How to play therapy jenga you stack up all blocks as normal and then take turns pulling out the loose block. Look at the number of the block and answer the right question. If you have already answered this question during the game, you can choose another question instead. When you're done answering, you'll place the block on top of the tower and try not to overturn. Now it's the next player's turn. When he's knocked down, I say, Okay, let's rebuild and play again. Or if we were running out of time, I would have warned them this was our last game. Then we can both work to clean up the pieces and put the game away at the end. Little kids really like to knock it down as a fun way to end the game even if the session happens (if you haven't knocked anymore). I say, let's build it very high, and then when we're done, I'll let you knock it down... But only when we're done. Question ideas Jenga Here are some questions you can use or upload on your own! Some of mine are inappropriate when you're playing with the family... As you probably know what pets they have. Some questions seem to be not great to ask each time you play, but sometimes it is interesting to see if the answer changes. Maybe they thought about it more and changed their minds, or added details. I also mix up the questions... I would like some interesting questions (ie superhero feature), some less intense questions (ie my favorite color) and some serious questions (ie who lost?). Making the game fun for everyone and balanced... My kids don't always like to answer difficult, serious questions, but they still love the game and answer those questions because they know they end up getting other questions they're happy to answer. Here are some questions I've used... What's your favorite color? What's the quality you're looking for with a friend? Where were you born? How many brothers do you have? Describe yourself. Who do you live with? If you had a wish, what would you wish for? What's your favorite food? What's your favorite animal and why? If you hugged a man now, who would it be? Where did you live? What does therapy mean to you? How does your family celebrate the holidays? What do you want to change about yourself? If you had a superpower, what would you want? If you won a million dollars, what would you use it for? Are you left-handed or right-handed? What's your favorite movie? What's the talent, how's he doing? What are you most afraid of? What is one of the attributes that you are looking for a dating partner (boyfriend/girlfriend)? What do you want to be when you're older? How many friends do you have? Who do you see as a role model? What is your favorite sport to watch? Play? If you were on a spaceship going to the moon, who would he take with him? Imagine a future for yourself that you want to see. What is this future like (what do you do, who are you, how did you get there?)? If you could be any animal, what would you be and why? What does love mean to you? What's your favorite TV show? Have you ever had a job? Where? What are your bad habits? What are your good habits? Do you have a pet? What kind? When is your birthday? Who did you lose that you were close to? If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? What's your happiest memory? What do you want to do before you die? Are you religious? What's your faith? Who's your favorite musician/band? Describe your mother. Who's closest to your family? Describe your father. What's your favorite book? What's your favorite class at school? What's your saddest memory? What do you like about yourself? What kind of music do you like? What's the nice thing you've done for someone in the last month? Tell me one thing that's important to know about you. Do you have a nickname? If so, what is it? What's your favorite holiday? Is that your favorite? What's your favorite song? Why do you like it? What's your favorite thing to do? If you were to take back one thing you did in your life, what would it be? If you could go back in time, where would you go? If you can have dinner with anyone famous (live or dead), who would it be? If you could change one thing that happened in your life, what would you change? Do your parents get along? What's your dream work? What or who motivates you? What is it that you strongly believe in? Has anything been stolen from you yet? How was it? A time when a friend let you down. What's the hardest thing about being a brother? What's the best thing about your family? What's the worst part? What's your favorite chore? Do you get an annuity? What do you have to do to get your allowance? What do you think you can change to make yourself happier? Are you good at keeping secrets? How do you feel when you get your certificate? What's your favorite vacation that you've had? If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would he be? Who would you invite? What would you do if you were there? What obligations do you have now? When you're with your friends, how do you decide what to do together? Don't forget to grab the free printable list of questions (developed for the family Jenga version, so therapists might want to set it accordingly) Alternative ways to Play Interactive Jenga instead of using prepared questions, you could do theme blocks where each person can ask another one question to the subject, such as school or politics etc. It also only allows players to ask anyone in the game the question of their choice (or add one or two blocks that have this option). It's always interesting to see what they're going to ask. I like to play with the prepared questions a couple of times and then play that way. Sometimes they follow up on questions or answers they wanted to know more about. If you don't want to play this game or if you want something similar, there is a game called The Ungame that has many big issues. There are couples, Christian, children, teens, and many other different versions to play with. My other thought is to always get the giant Jenga game to play outdoors and add tasks to a game like Run the Fence and Back or Do 10 jumping jacks if you want to be more active game. What questions would you add to this list? Please set it. Jenga Issues | Jenga Ideas | Games psychotherapy Make your own DIY interactive Jenga game with this list of questions to go with each block. This is a great family game and it is also used in therapy! Jenga game printable questions Write a number on each block of a sharpie. Prints a list of age-appropriate numbered questions. I'm going to stack up all the blocks as usual. Take turns pulling out the loose block. Look at the number of the block and answer the right question. Please leave a comment on your blog or a photo on Instagram of Danielle Pientka behind the seam and DIY blogger DIYDanielle.com. In 2011, she learned to sew when she wanted to make diapers for her first son. She has been sewing everything from eco-friendly products to kids' products to clothing since it became a passion. He likes to learn how to do new things and teach others in the process. She hopes to inspire other moms to take time out for themselves to find their own creative passion. Danielle lives in Maryland with her three young children and husband Brandon. In his spare time, he owns gardens, reading, horseback riding, and a small ranch with goats and ducks. Visit the store to buy samples or his sewing books. Sign up for your newsletter to get blog updates, free samples and other printables by clicking here. Improving scratchy skin on a couch

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