Rule #6

When asked a question in a conversation, it is important to show interest and ask a question in return. If someone asks you, “Did you have a nice weekend?” you should (1) answer the question and (2) ask a questions in return – “Did you have a nice weekend?” It’s important to show others that you are just as interest in them as they are in you.

Activity #1

Take this Quiz! See how well you are able to ask questions of others during conversations. Please circle true or false to show when you have asked questions to others in the past. PLEASE answer *Honestly*. We do not you to ask questions in every situation.

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|  | True | False |
| Your teacher asks you how your summer vacation as. You tell them you went to the beach, then ask the teacher what he did for their summer vacation |  |  |
| A relative asks what subject you enjoy most in school. You tell her math, and then ask her what subject she enjoyed most when she was in school |  |  |
| A friend asks if you like using a new in-line skates. You tell her all about them, then ask if she has ever tried in-line skating |  |  |
| Your sister asks you how you survived the first day of school. You tell her about them, and then ask if she has ever tried in-line skating |  |  |
| Your cousin, who lived in the city, asks what it is like to live in the country. You describe your experiences, then ask him what is like to live in the city. |  |  |
| Your father comes home from work and asks how your day was at school. After telling a bit about your day, you ask him about his day at work |  |  |
| A neighbor compliments you on your vegetable garden. You offer some gardening tips, then compliment her on her flower garden and ask for advice. |  |  |
| A friend at another school asks how your class celebrates a big holiday. After telling a bit about it, you ask her what her school does. |  |  |
| A friend asks you what you like about collecting baseball cards. You explain, then ask him why he thinks collecting stamps is interesting. |  |  |

NOW SEE HOW YOU SCORE! ADD UP ALL YOUR TRUE STATEMENTS:

**If you scored 8-10 :** you are an expert conversationalist! You always include others in a conversation and never hop up all the talking. Good for you!

**If you scored 5-7 :** you are a quasi-conversationalist. You like to talk about the things you do, but sometimes forget to ask the others about themselves. That’s ok! With a little bit of practice, you can become an expert in no time!

**If you scored 2-4 :** you are a talking titan! You like to talk about yourself, but often forget to include others in conversation. Try to add a few more questions when you talk to others so they can speak too

**If you scored a 0-1 :** you are a conversation goof! All you do is talk about yourself. You must make an effort to ask others about things in which they have an interest. Remember to let others speak and be sure to listen carefully to what they have to say.