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Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics

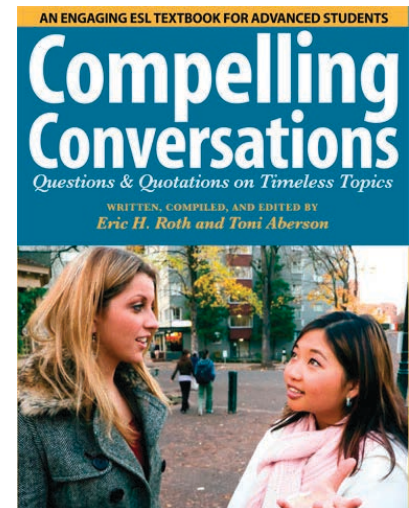
Authors: Eric H. Roth, Toni Aberson

"In sum, Compelling Conversations is a recommended resource for teachers who want to make their conversation classes more learner-centered. It should be especially appealing to those who wish to escape the confines of the Presentation-Practice-Production approach and do without a formal grammatical or functional syllabus. It reflects the authors' considerable professional experience, and would be a notable addition to any English teacher's bookshelf."

—Hall Houston, *English Teaching Professional magazine* (January 2009)

Compelling Conversations, an innovative English as a second language textbook, helps advanced English language learners develop conversation skills and improve fluency by sharing experiences, reflecting on their lives, and discussing proverbs and quotations.

This groundbreaking ESL text includes 45 thematic chapters, over 1400 questions, 500 vocabulary words, 250 proverbs and American idioms, and 500 quotations. Designed for both adult education and intensive English language students, the variety of conversation prompts provided deepen critical thinking and speaking skills essential to success in community college and university programs. **Compelling Conversations** has been used in classrooms in over 50 countries, recommended by English Teaching Professional magazine, and enjoyed by thousands of English students. Whether **Compelling Conversations** is used as a primary textbook or a supplement to add speaking activities to ESL/EFL classes, you can count on creating authentic conversations and guided discussion practice where meaning matters most.



Length: 166 pages

List Price: \$24.50

ISBN-13: 978-1419658280

eISBN: 978-0-9826-1785-4

Sample chapters available at:
[http://compellingconversations.com/
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FEATURES

- Chosen by English teachers and tutors in over 50 countries!
- Appeals to college students, working adults, and sophisticated souls
- Works as "grab and go" conversation lessons for busy English teachers and online private tutors
- Increases fluency in Advanced English language learners
- Models a variety of ways to ask questions
- Can also be used as an outstanding supplemental English teacher's resource
- Encourages critical thinking and self-awareness with engaging materials
- Makes teaching and tutoring English easy and comfortable
- Provides preparation for speaking sections of TOEFL and IELTS exams
- Builds competency and confidence in conversation and discussion skills!

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Compelling American Conversations: Questions and Quotations for Intermediate American English Language Learners

Authors: Eric H. Roth and Toni Aberson with Hal Bogotch

"How can so much learning be in just one book? Compelling American Conversations is all that an ESL teacher or student needs to use in their course. With clear, easy-to-follow directions, students learn necessary details about American English and culture, practice critical thinking, and expand vocabulary and idioms as they converse in real, natural adult English."

—Planaria Price Author, *Life in the USA* and *Realistically Speaking*

Compelling American Conversations: Questions and Quotations for Intermediate American English Language Learners helps American immigrants and international students develop their fluency skills and academic vocabulary through a new set of engaging conversation exercises. This ESL speaking skills book, the second entry in the fluency-focused *Compelling Conversations* series, celebrates American culture and democratic values.

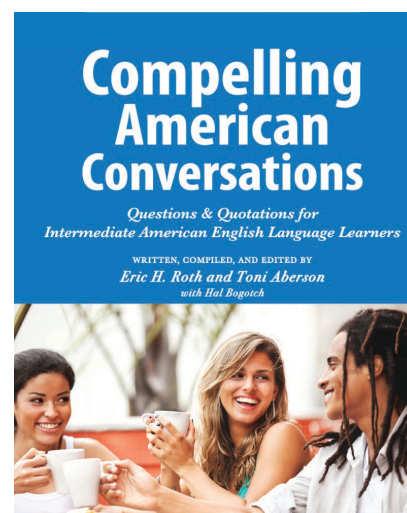
Each of the 15 thematic chapters includes two sets of conversation questions, vocabulary review, short writing exercises, paraphrasing exercises with proverbs, a discussion activity around pithy quotations, and an online "Search and Share" activity. Focusing on both daily experiences and American culture, the materials help intermediate English language learners explore their lives, learn common American sayings and expressions, and develop vital discussion skills.

Designed primarily for community college ESL and adult education students, this flexible ESL textbook can be used by academic high school English language learners (ELL) and intensive English programs.

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FEATURES

- Designed for community college and adult ESL students
- Asks over 400 questions with focused vocabulary
- Introduces 120 proverbs from the U.S and around the world
- Creates more confident American English speakers and positive classroom experiences
- Improves English speaking skills through conversations and class discussions
- Encourages English language learners to share research in short presentations
- Emphasizes both practical and academic vocabulary
- Features "agree/disagree and why" reaction exercises to 150 quotations, especially helpful in preparing for TOEFL and IELTS exams



Length: 124 pages

List Price: \$22.50

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Compelling American Conversations – Teacher Edition

Authors: Eric H. Roth, Mark Treston, Robert Glynn

*“For English teachers who wish to help students improve their communication skills, **Compelling American Conversations** (like Roth’s previous book, **Compelling Conversations**), is a gold mine—a rich, stimulating learning environment providing virtually endless possibilities for lively conversation which will enhance students’ communications skills quickly and enjoyably.”*

— Carl W. Hart, Author of *Rocket English Grammar* and *The Ultimate Phrasal Verb Book*

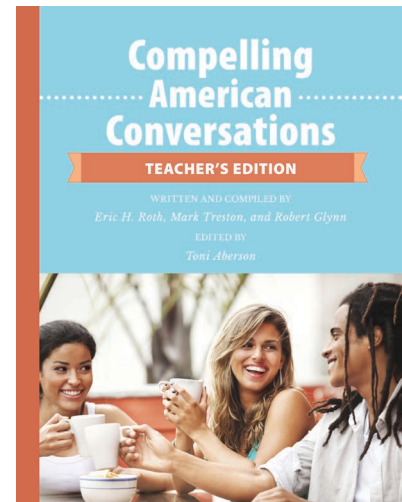
Compelling American Conversations – Teacher Edition assists educators of English as a Second Language (ESL) working with intermediate students at the American high school and adult education levels. Complementing and expanding upon the original material, **Compelling American Conversations**, this teacher guide also includes teaching tips on presenting conversation topics, handling “good mistakes”, pronunciation to spark more lively English classroom discussions. It also provides extension activities on academic vocabulary expansion, common American idioms, and two-word verbs

Each chapter includes a list of learning objectives, extended vocabulary lessons, minimal pairs, and advice on paraphrasing proverbs and other extension activities. The combination of teaching tips, diverse extension activities, and additional cultural references makes it easier to provide insights into American culture while teaching English conversation. Finally, the book concludes with 25 reproducible ‘Search and Share’ communicative homework exercises in the appendix where students search for information, summarize it, and share in small discussion groups.

Designed for community college instructors, adult education ESL teachers, and English tutors, this flexible ESL Teacher’s Guide provides hours of additional teaching material. While explicitly designed to augment **Compelling American Conversations**, some English teachers and tutors have chosen to use independently as a resource book. Lesson objectives are based on the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR), because we want our students to meet and exceed global standards.

FEATURES

- Provides hours of additional classroom material for ESL/EFL teachers
- Learning objectives based on the Common European Framework of References (CEFR)
- Includes accent reduction exercises using minimal pairs
- Expands conversation activities with supplemental exercises
- Reviews Sound Sense exercises for pronunciation practice
- Builds word knowledge with prefix and suffix lists
- Examines common phrasal verbs
- Includes advice for handling difficult student questions
- Reviews common student mistakes from CAC exercises
- Contains 25 reproducible “Search and Share” activities
- Introduces reproducible worksheets on hedging language
- Helps students add their voices to class discussions
- Shows how to teach with proverbs and classical quotes
- Demonstrates how to teach speaking skills
- Makes teaching **Compelling American Conversations** easy and fun



Length: 156 pages

List Price: \$18.95

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Compelling Conversations - Vietnam: Speaking Exercises for Vietnamese Learners of English (2nd Edition)

Authors: Teresa Nguyen, Eric H. Roth

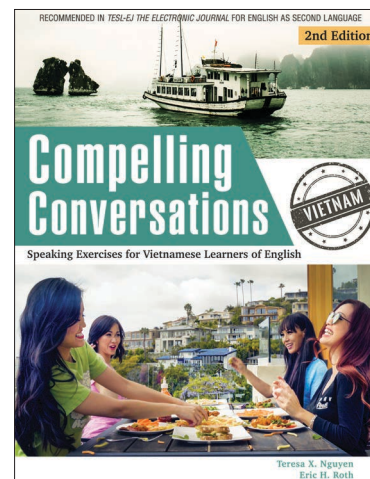
"Compelling Conversations is a text that encourages multiculturalism, that is flexible enough to use for all ages of advanced English language learners, and that gives a personally relevant, tailored experience for advanced Vietnamese ELLs to formulate their opinions in anticipation of present and future communications with English speakers.... I recommend this book as a backbone for a lively conversation class."

— Sarah Elizabeth Snyder, *Teaching English as a Second Language – Electronic Journal (Compelling Conversations - Vietnam - 1st edition)*

Become who you want to be – in English!

Compelling Conversations – Vietnam: Speaking Exercises for Vietnamese Learners of English is the second edition of ***Compelling Conversations – Vietnam: Questions and Quotations for Advanced Vietnamese English Language Learners***. Based on our original and highly successful English as a Second Language (ESL) textbook, ***Compelling Conversations***, this unique ELT textbook was created specifically for Vietnamese learners of English in the United States. This fluency-focused second edition includes 14 revised thematic chapters to create quality conversations, interview questions, pronunciation exercises, and paraphrasing exercises of traditional proverbs to create hours of English conversation and class discussions. It also expands work knowledge and academic vocabulary with communicative activities focused around the study of common prefixes and suffixes.

The conversation book also includes cultural tips for international students and immigrants. Students gain greater fluency, confidence, and vocabulary in communicative activities. Adult and community college students share opinions, build critical thinking skills, and create authentic conversations.



B&W Version:

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Full Color Version:

Length: 234 pages

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Study / English as a
Second Language

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sample-chapters](http://compellingconversations.com/sample-chapters)

- Created for community college and adult students
- Over 100 communicative activities about daily life
- Focused pronunciation activities that target common “good mistakes” made by Vietnamese learners of English
- Partner, group, and class discussion activities to develop fluency and classroom speaking skills
- Includes short readings on American culture
- 14 targeted vocabulary lists to expand working vocabulary in social, professional, and academic contexts
- Over 100 global and 40 Vietnamese proverbs in both Vietnamese and English to build intercultural understanding and develop critical thinking skills
- Designed for multi-level listening and speaking classes
- Helps prepare for standardized tests like TOEFL, IELTS
- Includes 15 Search and Share assignments for homework
- Includes 10 additional reproducible surveys, forms, and worksheets in the appendix

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Compelling Conversations – Japan: Questions and Quotations for High-Intermediate Japanese English Language Learners

Authors: Eric H. Roth, Shiggy Ichinomiya, Brent Warner

*"As an ESL teacher and accent reduction coach, I regularly encounter frustrated students from Japan who don't feel comfortable speaking English. **Compelling Conversations – Japan** will prove very useful to Japanese English Language Learners ... It's more than just a conversation book; it's also a cross-cultural awareness book, filled with proverbs and cultural insights.*

—Lisa Mojsin, Author, *Mastering the American Accent*

Based on our original and highly successful English as a Second Language (ESL) textbook, **Compelling Conversations**, this title is geared specifically toward Japanese English language learners with culturally relevant touchstones and exercises.

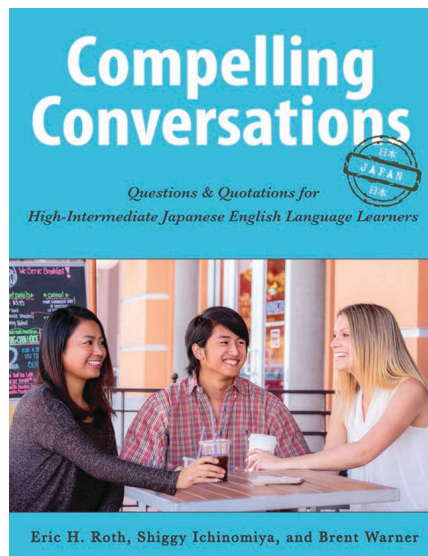
Compelling Conversations – Japan gets students to speak about their lives and personal experiences with short, friendly questions on popular topics. Developed to create meaningful conversations and classroom discussions, the 12 thematic chapters offer a wide range of communicative tasks. Each chapter also includes brief culture corner notes and asks students to discuss an aspect of Japanese culture in English. Readers become speakers as they practice conversations, write questions, and work on common pronunciation challenges for Japanese learners of English. Students also use and develop critical thinking skills as search for information, summarize it and share with classmates in small discussion groups.

This wide variety of communicative tasks expands their conversational skills and improves competency and fluency. Students learn to give persuasive answers, ask engaging questions, and create compelling conversations in English! Designed for Japanese students in academic high school and university programs, **Compelling Conversations – Japan** provides intellectually challenging material in accessible English readings that spark reflection and discussion.

Sample chapters available at:
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FEATURES

- Meets the needs of university and adult students
- Focuses on fluency through meaningful communication
- Tackles specific pronunciation issues for Japanese English language learners
- Sparks conversation, discussion, and reflection
- Introduces cultural tips comparing and contrasting American and Japanese cultures
- Encourages active participation by English students
- Asks English students to describe and analyze photographs
- Expands academic and social vocabulary
- Introduces quotes from multiple perspectives, both classical and modern
- Uses international proverbs to improve paraphrasing skills
- Contains 14 Search & Share internet research activities for small group discussions and short presentations



Length: 180 pages

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Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers: Talk Your Way to Success with Donors and Funders

Authors: Janet Levine, Laurie A. Selik

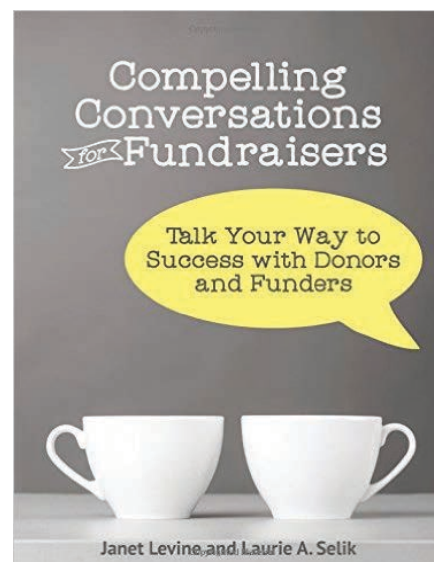
"To make the ask, you need this book, whether youre a new fundraiser or an old hand. Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers provided me, a development professional with 20+ years experience, many fresh ways to approach donors and effectively make the ask."

—Liz Leshin, Director of Development, Los Angeles Conservacy

Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers: Talk Your Way to Success with Donors and Funders zooms in on the all-important one-to-one conversations with your prospects and donors to help you make the connections that result in new and increasing contributions for your organization.

Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers' eight thematic chapters include advice, examples and conversation starters for each stage in donor cultivation: Acquiring New Donors, Re-Engaging Donors, Renewing Donors and Upgrading Donors. This detailed guide also includes in-depth chapters on planned gifts and connecting with Foundation program officers.

Whether you are new to fundraising or a seasoned pro, in a one-person development office or a large university advancement department, ***Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers*** provides conversation guidance and helpful tips for the many types of donor interactions you will face. Written by two fundraising professionals with track records of success in development offices large and small— in universities, religious and performing arts schools, public media and community organizations—***Compelling Conversations for Fundraisers*** reviews the essentials for meeting prospects and talking your way to success with current supporters and future donors.



Length: 134 pages

List Price: \$24.95

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Publication Date: June 1st, 2016

FEATURES

- Contains 8 thematic chapters for fundraising professionals
- Features model dialogues
- Provides savvy tips to create authentic conversations
- Focuses on understanding donors
- Includes chapters on acquiring and re-engaging donors
- Shows how to renew and upgrade donor contributions
- Highlights common 'good mistakes' made by fundraisers
- Offers insights for development officers in both the arts and education
- Reviews the entire fundraising process from multiple, varied perspectives
- Shares insights from successful fundraising campaigns
- Celebrates conversation as a tool for deepening human relationships

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It's A Breeze: 42 Lively English Lessons on American Idioms

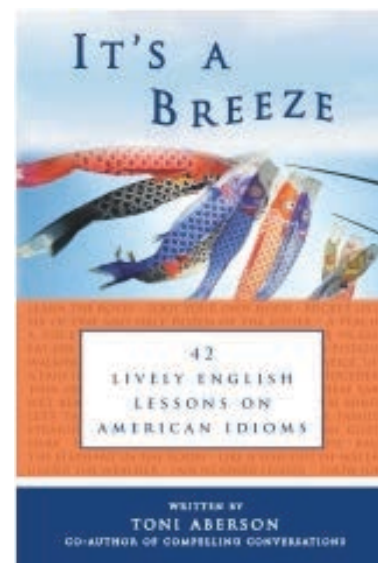
Author: Toni Aberson

He's wet behind the ears.
The test was a piece of cake.
She came right out of the blue.

Do you know the words, but don't understand the meaning? These short sentences use common American idioms. We find American idioms on television, in sports, at work, and at school. Idioms are also one reason English can be a difficult language for many adults to learn. Learning common American idioms helps students speak English in a natural style. It also makes more of the English media much more understandable.

This collection of 42 short English lessons focuses on specific American idioms and common phrases. Each concise self-contained chapter explores a single American idiom with clear definitions, sample sentences, short readings, comprehension checks, vocabulary lists, writing activities, and conversation questions. The comfortable pace, unit quizzes (with answer keys) and an index of American idioms and expressions also makes this book comfortable for both English (ESL/EFL) classroom use and self-study.

Written for high school ESL students and adult English language learners inside the United States, this helpful book can also improve the vocabulary and cultural literacy of international English students. Understanding and using these American idioms will help immigrants sound more like their American neighbors. Idiom by idiom, readers and students will find speaking English less difficult and more fun – even “a breeze.”



Length: 200 pages

List price: \$14.95

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FEATURES

- Focuses on a single American English idiom at a time
- Helps High Beginning and Low Intermediate EFL learners
- Teaches 42 common American idioms in context through short lessons
- Provides a definition and short reading for each idiom
- Checks comprehension with conversation questions
- Includes short unit quizzes and writing activities
- Can be used as an idiom textbook for ESL/EFL classes
- Supplements high beginning and intermediate ESL classes
- Helps learners develop conversation skills
- Features communicative tasks so students learn and remember idioms

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English in Global Contexts: Proficiency Tasks for Aspiring Learners

Author: J.J. Polk

English in Global Contexts is a 12-unit, task-based course book developed for advanced level learners. The content-related activities are designed to promote the acquisition of higher-level vocabulary and to further active, productive language use in a semi-academic context.

English in Global Contexts is ideally suited for:

- Cambridge Advanced / Proficiency and IELTS exam preparatory classes
- Advanced students attending general / intensive English classes
- Undergraduates who are just beginning studies at English-medium colleges or universities
- Non-native speaking graduate students who wish to improve their English skills in multiple areas

An included explanatory Appendix highlights the key areas of grammar most frequently tested in standardized examinations. An **ANSWER KEY** (sold separately) provides suggested responses to the vocabulary tasks and Language Focus activities.

English Questions: Practice Drills in All Active Tenses

Author: J.J. Polk

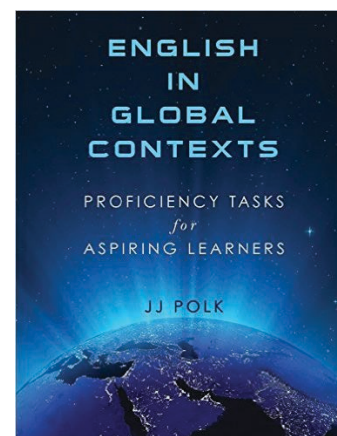
The grammar and word order of English questions can be challenging for many language learners. *English Questions: Practice Drills in All Active Tenses* provides the student of English with extensive exercises in all the most common types of English questions.

Written in an easy-to-use, easy-to-follow format with clear examples, this comprehensive book contains 2290+ sentence-to-question transformations through all active verb tenses, encompassing more than:

- 500 Wh-questions (Who? What? When? Where? Why? How much? How many? How often? etc.)
- 1000 Tag-questions-a key feature of spoken English
- 500 Yes / No questions

Developed for intermediate to pre-advanced students, *English Questions: Practice Drills in All Active Tenses* is the only text you'll ever need to master English questions!

An annotated **ANSWER KEY** is sold separately.

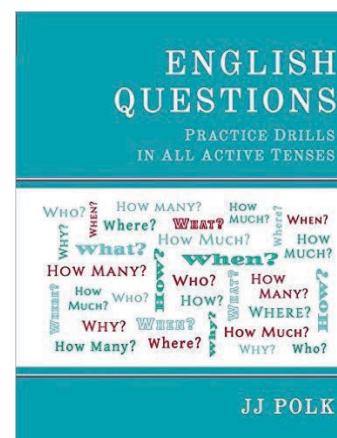


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About Chimayo Press



Chimayo Press is an independent educational publishing company committed to publishing niche books that create compelling conversations, deepen relationships and celebrate the human spirit. We launched in 2005 with one advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) title – *Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics* – from authors Eric H. Roth and Toni Aberson. This fluency-focused textbook has blossomed into series meeting the varying needs of English language learners and their teachers in over 50 countries.

Chimayo Press is named for our amazingly communicative, talented and loving first border collie. We met him soon after a visit to the inspirational New Mexico town. That's Chimayo's image in our logo.



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