

1. Talking About Interests & Strengths

◆ Simple

- “I can see you like **(activity)** – do you want more/finished?”
- “Show me: do you like this or this?” (*offer choice*)
- “That looked fun – did you enjoy it?”

◆ Developing

- “What do you enjoy doing the most at school?”
- “When do you feel happy or proud?”
- “What are you really good at?”

2. Talking About the Future (Early Exploration)

◆ Simple

- “When you grow up, do you want to help people, make things, or work with animals?” (*use pictures*)
- “Look at this job – do you like it or not?”
- “Would you like to try something new?”

◆ Developing

- “Have you thought about what you might like to do after school?”
- “What kind of places would you enjoy working in?”
- “What jobs have you heard about that interest you?”

3. Talking About School and Learning

◆ Simple

- “Was school good today?” *(yes/no or symbols)*
- “What did you do – work, play, or both?”
- “Do you want help with this?”

◆ Developing

- “Which lessons do you enjoy most?”
- “Is anything at school feeling difficult at the moment?”
- “How can we help you feel more confident in your learning?”

4. Talking About Jobs and Work

◆ Simple

- “This person is working. Do you think they are helping, building, or talking?”
- “Would you like to try a job like this?”

◆ Developing

- “What do you think this job involves?”
- “Would you prefer working indoors or outdoors? Why?”
- “Do you like working on your own or with other people?”

5. Talking About Skills & Independence

◆ Simple

- “Let’s try this together”
- “Can you show me how you do this?”
- “You did that well—do you want to try again?”

◆ Developing

- “What skills do you think you’re improving at the moment?”
- “What would you like to get better at?”
- “How do you manage when something is difficult?”

6. Talking About Decision-Making

◆ Simple

- “Do you choose A or B?”
- “First this, then this—okay?”

◆ Developing

- “What are your options here?”
- “What do you think might happen if you choose this?”
- “How can we decide together?”

7. Talking About Feelings & Wellbeing

◆ Simple

- “Are you happy, sad, or angry?” *(use visuals)*
- “Show me how you feel”
- “Do you need a break?”

◆ Developing

- “How are you feeling about school/work right now?”
- “What helps you feel calm or confident?”
- “Is anything worrying you about the future?”

8. Talking About Transitions (Options after school)

◆ Simple

- “Next you will go to a new place—college/work. Let's look.”
- “Do you want to visit?”

◆ Developing

- “Would you like to go to college, do an apprenticeship, or something else?”
- “Shall we look at some courses together?”
- “What support do you think you might need?”