

Healthy, Flowing Conversations – New England Style

1. Curiosity with a Wink

- *“If you woke up tomorrow and suddenly knew how to fix any boat engine, would you use it for good... or for profit?”*
 - *“Ever learn some random fact that made you feel like you should’ve already known it? Like, wait, lobsters used to be poor people’s food?”*
 - *“If you could invite any historic figure to a clam bake — and they had to bring the beer — who’d you pick?”*
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2. Reimagining the Ordinary (Yankee Ingenuity)

- *“What’s one thing in your house that drives you nuts every day — and if you were a proper Yankee tinkerer, how would you fix it?”*
 - *“If we threw out all the usual greetings — no handshakes, no hugs — what’s the New England hello? Tip of the hat? Quick nod? A ‘sup’ and a shrug?”*
 - *“What’s the best sound of New England: a loon at night, the crack of a bat at Fenway, or a chowder spoon clinking the bowl?”*
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3. Lighthearted Debates

- *“What’s tougher: a Maine winter or Boston traffic?”*
 - *“Which really rules the soul: coffee from Dunkin’, or a pint of Ben & Jerry’s at midnight?”*
 - *“Would you rather have Red Sox season tickets or a cottage on the Cape?”*
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4. Storytelling with Humor

- *“If your life right now were a chapter title, would it be more like ‘Lost at Sea’ or ‘Fresh Batch of Whoopie Pies’?”*
 - *“Ever have one of those clumsy moments that everyone saw? Like tripping on the dock while trying to look cool?”*
 - *“What’s the most ‘you’ place in New England — the town green, the diner counter, or the back porch?”*
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5. Wonder with a Yankee Twist

- *“Ever look out at the ocean and think: that’s about as close to infinity as I’ll ever see.”*
 - *“Do you think creativity’s more like building a lobster trap (made piece by piece), or catching lightning in a jar?”*
 - *“If memories were clam shells, which one would you keep on the windowsill?”*
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6. Shared Growth & Wit

- *“What’s a belief you’ve dropped that you look back on and laugh about now?”*
 - *“If you could make one new rule for all grown-ups, like it’s school again, what would it be?”*
 - *“What’s a strength you admire in your neighbor that you’re still working on in yourself?”*
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7. Humor, Straight Up

- *“If sandwiches were currency, what would be the lobster roll — a \$20 or a \$100?”*
- *“What’s your best idea for a reality show no one would ever watch? Like ‘Ice Scrapers of Worcester’?”*
- *“If seagulls could text, what’s the first thing they’d send you? Probably just, ‘Fries?’”*