# Conversation Questions:

1. What are some things that parents always say to their children? (for example, warnings and advice – *Eat your vegetables.  Look both ways before crossing the street.*)  Make a list of at least three sayings
2. When you are walking on the street, do you say hello to strangers?  Why or why not?
3. What is small talk?  What are some good topics for small talk in the USA?  What are some inappropriate topics for small talk in the USA?
4. Do you like to make small talk?  What is the purpose?
5. When you are on an airplane, bus, train, or in line shopping, or in an office waiting for an appointment, do you like small talk?  Do you start the conversation?  How do you show a stranger that you DON’T want to engage in small talk?
6. In which jobs is small talk especially important?
7. Do you know any elderly people?  How are lifestyles of elderly people the same and different in your country compared to in the USA?