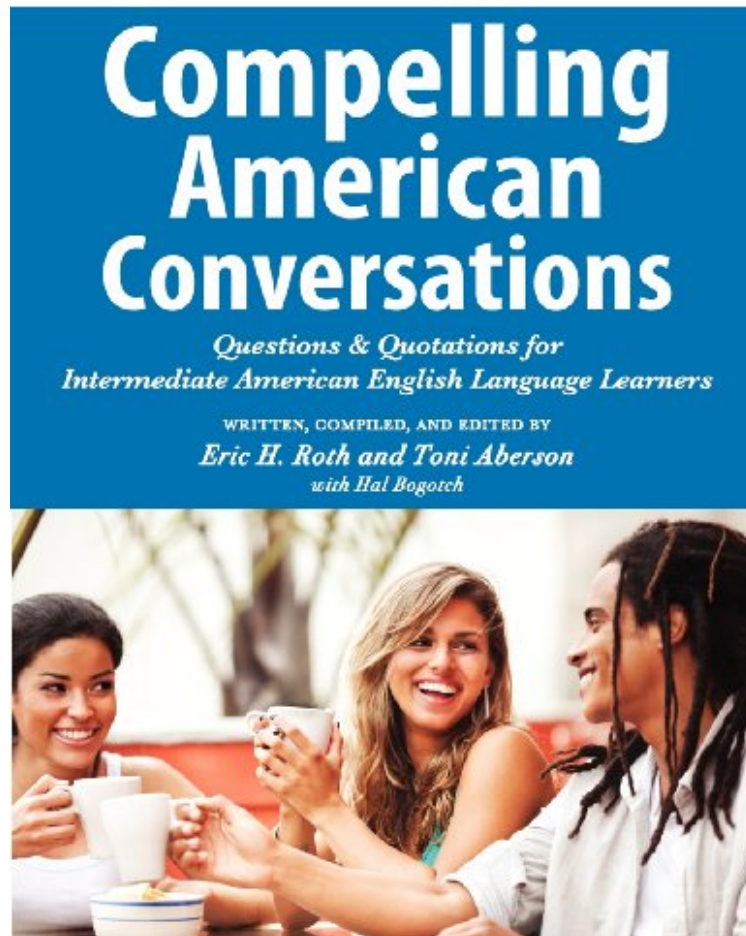


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The frequent use of proverbs and quotes in this text provides yet another platform for easily encouraging discussions and cultural exchange among students. By Yuka This book offers new vocabulary, pronunciation tips, and a plethora of conversation topics without the rigidity of many other ESL books. The text itself carries a conversational tone, engaging its user/the student. The "Search and Share" activity at the

end of each chapter provides students with an opportunity to share knowledge gained outside of the classroom. It allows students to practice learner autonomy, as well as communication skills, as students' individual responses can be shared with each other. This activity also gives the students and the instructor a chance to exchange ideas in a conversational and natural manner; since the topics and themes are accessible and do not require any specialized knowledge (e.g., "Chatting: In Person or Online"), students will have the opportunity to express themselves and present their own perspectives, something that is culturally relevant when conversing with Americans. The frequent use of proverbs and quotes in this text provides yet another platform for easily encouraging discussions and cultural exchange among students. Overall, this is a textbook that focuses on real-world conversation skills while also teaching vocabulary and pronunciation. It is ideal for use in both ESL and EFL contexts.

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Compelling American Conversations: Questions and Quotations for Intermediate American English Language Learners from Chimayo Press helps American immigrants and international students develop their fluency skills and academic vocabulary through conversation exercises. Each chapter 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 through proverbs, quotations, and speaking exercises, the materials help intermediate English language learners explore their lives, learn common American sayings and expressions, and develop vital discussion skills. The 15 topical chapters include: Opening Moves; Going Beyond Hello; Making and Breaking Habits; Studying English; Being Yourself; Choosing and Keeping Friends; Playing and Watching Sports; Talking About American Television; Celebrating American Holidays; Being Stylish; Handling Stress; Practicing Job Interviews; Valuing Money and Finding Bargains; Exploring American Cities and Seeing Our World With Photographs. The "Resources and Notes" appendix includes the academic word list, supplemental worksheets, bibliographical references, author biographies and indices to proverbs and quotations. Designed primarily for community college ESL and adult education students, this flexible ESL textbook can be used by high school English language learners (ELL) and intensive English programs. Compelling American Conversations, is the third title in the Compelling Conversations series, most known for the original fluency-focused advanced ESL textbook, Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics (2006).

"It is the day-to-day language skills that newcomers to the country need more than anything and it is the authors understanding of this premise that makes Compelling American Conversations so successful...Compelling American Conversations is a benefit to ESL teachers as it provides them with an interesting, useful and social tool to teach their students the essential conversation skills...The opportunities for interaction and the homework exercises provided give students the necessary exposure to the American English language..." - GoodbooksToday.com "Compelling American Conversations offers relevant practice for intermediate ESL students...We recommend this fluency-focused book for English language learners." - Easy English Times "One of the reasons Compelling American Conversations is so useful is due to the authors' careful attention to the feedback they received from teachers and students regarding one of their previous works. Like all good instructors they have modified their curriculum to better serve their readers, and their extra effort has resulted in one of the best ESL textbooks on the market today for non-beginners. ... There will never be an ESL textbook that will give every student the confidence to converse, but this one makes a valiant attempt. RECOMMENDED." - John Roper, U.S. of Books "How can so much learning be in just one book? Compelling American Conversations is all that an ESL teacher or student needs. With clear, easy to follow directions, students learn necessary details about American English and culture, practice critical thinking, and expand vocabulary, as they converse in real, natural adult English. Included in the 'Search and Share' component are marvelous lessons on using the Internet...The book is fun and stimulating and, fortunately, very accessible for the intermediate learner." - Planaria Price, author Life in the USA and Realistically Speaking "... 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. Compelling American Conversations is the book I needed when I was a conversation group organizer and is the book I highly recommend to any English teacher in a similar position today." - Carl W. Hart, Author of Rocket English Grammar and The Ultimate Phrasal Verb Book From the Author Compelling American Conversations, our

third conversation textbook for English language learners, builds on expanded social media and lessons learned over the last five years. This intermediate ESL book contains many suggested activities from readers of our first book: *Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics*. *Compelling American Conversations*, an intermediate American English textbook, will help students feel more comfortable in English and improve fluency. The many conversation activities will help English students to: Ask clear, simple questions Listen to each other and respond to questions Become more comfortable speaking English Use common conversation starters Learn how to continue conversations on many current and timeless topics Discover and use new vocabulary words Memorize some American sayings and some old proverbs Discuss ideas by studying classical and modern quotations Express your opinions and support your statements Find and share Internet resources about living in the United States Speak English with greater confidence Enjoy learning about your classmates and yourself

Compelling American Conversations explicitly emphasizes American language, culture and values. The primary audience is newcomers to the United States, and recent and not-so-recent immigrants who may be studying at an American high school, adult school, community college or university. We strongly believe that all immigrants deserve a quality education that allows them to express themselves, develop their English language skills, and deepen their critical thinking skills. "We hope that with *Compelling American Conversations*, American English language learners will ask more questions, speak more in their workplaces, and create their own compelling conversations - inside and outside English classes. - Eric Roth, Toni Aberson, and Hal Bogotch, Co-authors, *Compelling American Conversations From the Inside Flap*"

Compelling American Conversations is a great book for students to improve their conversational skills. The exercises also help to improve the "on-the-spot" thinking skills students need to become fluent English speakers. I recommend this book as a study aid for those who wish to improve their IELTS speaking score." ~ James Hutzell, Lecturer, USC Language Academy

"Conversational English proficiency can only be acquired by engaging in authentic English conversations. The academic approach used all too frequently in conventional ESL classrooms consistently fails at helping English learners become fluent English speakers. *Compelling American Conversations* fills the gap left by inadequate curricula by offering engaging topics and prompts that become the starting point for thoughtful and meaningful conversations. I highly recommend it." ~ Nathan D. Crandall, M.A., Founder, The Fluency Coach