CREATE YOUR OWN
"GOOD TALK"

Inspired by "Good Talk" by Mira Jacob

A CREATIVE ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES
LET'S GET STARTED!
HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

IT'S EASY TO BE CREATIVE!

1. Use the starter question on the next page to start thinking about conversations

2. Think about conversations you've seen in life, on TV, or in books

3. Write out the conversation you want to happen in your "Good Talk"

4. Illustrate your "Good Talk" as you see fit using pens, pencils, crayons, magazine collages, and more.

5. Reflect on your "Good Talk" and talk about it with someone else—a friend or family member!

If you haven't read 'Good Talk' by Mira Jacob yet, check out dclibrary.org/dcreads for more information and to get your copy!

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USE THESE IDEAS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED WITH YOUR "GOOD TALK"

FOR ADULTS

1. What is the first conversation you remember having with your significant other?
2. Recall a conversation that made you extremely happy.
3. Recall a conversation that changed the way you felt about a person or event.
4. What is the last conversation you remember having with someone who is no longer in your life?
5. Rewrite a conversation you wish had gone differently than it did.
6. Imagine a conversation you might have with your own child about the way you grew up.
7. Write a conversation you had with someone following an election--whether local or national.
8. Recall a conversation that taught you something you didn’t know.
9. Recall a conversation in which you taught someone something.
10. Imagine a conversation you might have with your parents that you wish you had had growing up.

FOR TEENS

1. Recall a conversation you had with a teacher that changed your relationship with school.
2. Recall a conversation in which you learned something new about a person or subject.
3. Imagine a conversation you might have with your younger or older self.
4. What was the first conversation you can remember having with your best friend?
5. What is a conversation you find yourself having again and again with your parents?
6. What’s the last conversation you remember making you laugh until your stomach hurt?
7. What’s a conversation that made you very happy?
USE THESE IDEAS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED WITH YOUR "GOOD TALK" FOR KIDS

1. Imagine a conversation between you and one of the adults in your life about your favorite thing to do.
2. Write about a conversation that made you laugh.
3. Write about a conversation that made you sad.
4. Write about a conversation you might have with your best friend.
5. Write about a conversation you might overhear between two adults.
HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES FROM
"GOOD TALK" BY MIRA JACOB TO INSPIRE YOU!

EVERY TIME I ASKED A QUESTION I WOULD REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES I HAD ASKED SIMILAR QUESTIONS GROWING UP. ALL THE THINGS I'D BEEN TOLD. ALL THE THINGS THAT STILL DIDN'T MAKE SENSE.

BUT WHY?

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IS IT BAD TO BE BROWN?

WHAT? NO! IT'S GREAT BEING BROWN! WE LOOK GOOD IN COLORS! WE HAVE HISTORY! WE DON'T GET SKIN CANCER AS EASILY!

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?

I DON'T KNOW!

FOREVER, MICHAEL

INDIANS ARE NOT VERY COOL.

THAT'S NOT TRUE. LOOK AT HOLLYWOOD.

WHAT?

AND MINDY KALING!

WHO?

GANDHI, GANDHI IS SUPER COOL.

WHAT DID HE SING?

CAN I MAKE MY HAIR LIKE MICHAEL'S?

NO.

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE THAT'S CULTURAL APPROPRIATION.

WHAT?

THAT'S USING SOMEONE ELSE'S ETHNICITY TO MAKE A FASHION STATEMENT.

WHAT?

YOU'LL LOOK SILLY.

OK, OKAY.
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MS. MORRELL HAD RULES.

IF YOU ARE NOT IN YOUR SEAT WHEN THE BELL RINGS THEN YOU ARE LATE, AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED.

SIT UP STRAIGHT WHEN YOU RAISE YOUR HAND OR I WILL NOT CALL ON YOU.

DO NOT ASK ME IF YOU CAN GO TO THE BATHROOM, THAT IS WHAT RECESS IS FOR.

QUIET TIME MEANS I DON'T HEAR A PEEP OUT OF YOU.

TAKE THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN IN MY CLASSROOM AND YOU WILL MISS RECESS FOR A WEEK. AM I CLEAR?

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SHARPEN YOUR PENCIL EXACTLY ONCE A DAY.

CHAPTER 13. AMERICAN LOVE

ACCORDING TO MY PARENTS, THERE WERE TWO BASIC KINDS OF MARRIAGE: ARRANGED MARRIAGE AND LOVE MARRIAGE. AND THEN THERE WAS AMERICAN LOVE.

MOM, IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU TO DEFINE "ARRANGED MARRIAGE," WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

GOOD.

THAT'S IT?

WHAT?

IT'S A GOOD MARRIAGE.

FOR INDIANS.

OKAY, AND NOW DEFINE "LOVE MARRIAGE."

A MARRIAGE IN WHICH THE TWO WERE NOT ARRANGED.

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?

NO.

YES YOU ARE! INDIANS! YOU'RE FORGETTING IT'S ONLY FOR INDIANS!
HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES FROM OTHER WELL-KNOWN GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS TO INSPIRE YOU!

"THE PRINCE AND THE DRESSMAKER" BY JEN WANG

"NEW KID" BY JERRY CRAFT

You said you want this dress to be fruit-jam inspired?

Yes! Think marmalades and preserves.

And you want it in two days? What for?

You'll see, I just got this vog and I need something that will go with it perfectly.

Hey, Jordan, are you coming?

Nah, I'm gonna hang out here.

Oh... okay.

If you wanna go with-

I'm good, Drew.

Finish.

But you're one of the stars of the football team. I get lots of high fives and 'good game, bro.' But it doesn't really go past that.
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"MEG JO BETH AND AMY" BY REY TERCIERO

"HEY KIDDO" BY JARRET KROSCZKA
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