

Starting reception conversation starters

Get ready for a brand-new adventure! These conversation starter cards are designed to help children feel confident and excited about starting school. You can print them out and pull cards at random to spark meaningful discussions, ease worries and build excitement for this big milestone.



What are you most excited about for starting school in September?

What do you think you'll enjoy most about going to school?

How do you feel about making new friends in reception?



Can I tell you about the first day of school when I was your age?



What would you like to bring to school with you to make you feel comfortable?



How do you think school might be different from nursery?

What are some things you'd like to learn about when you start school?

How do you think you'll feel when I leave you at school for the first time?



What do you think your classroom will look like? What do you imagine it will have in it?



What do you think it will be like to have a teacher? What do you want to ask them?



What are some ways we can get ready for school together this summer?

What do you think school lunches will be like? What would you like to have for lunch?



How do you like to get ready in the morning? What routine can we start practising together?

What's your favourite story or book? Should we bring it along to school for story time?

How do you feel about learning to write your name? Would you like to try practising it together?

What does being a good friend mean to you? How can we be a good friend at school?





Do you think you'll need any help with anything at school?
What do you think you might need help with?

What do you like to do in your free time?
How do you think playtime at school will be different?



What would you like to tell your teacher about you when you meet them?



How can we make your first week of school special and fun?