IDEAS FOR ELECTRONIC CONVERSATIONS
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Here are some ideas to help generate your own topics and questions for a planned conversation with friends and family. Some prework will provide more content and participant satisfaction. There are two reference websites listed for most topics, but your personal experience and research is the best data for the discussion.

What would you like to know? Write down two or more questions before the conversation starts.

House Plants: How do I choose and maintain Succulents and Bloomers?
   The 14 Best Indoor Succulents to Grow at Home
   https://balconygardenweb.com/14-best-indoor-succulents-to-grow-at-home/
   The 17 Best Flowering Houseplants | Balcony Garden Web
   https://balconygardenweb.com/17-best-flowering-houseplants/

Birding: How do I continue bird observations with social distancing?
https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/how-to-make-these-next-few-weeks-a-little-easier-courtesy-of-birds/
        https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornell_Lab_of_Ornithology

Intergenerational school experience: What was grade school like for you?
        Rural education in the 1950's
        https://livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe50s/life_12.html
        School in 1950 compared to today -personal experiences
        https://www.quora.com/How-was-school-in-the-1950s-compared-to-today

First job experience for all participants:
        How did you get it? Was it a good choice?
        What did your parents think?
        What was your boss like? Why did you leave?
        Was that a good move?

Shared reading experience: Pick an article or book that you have both read.
            https://www.litlovers.com/run-a-book-club/read-think-talk
    https://www.bustle.com/articles/167822-13-general-book-club-questions-for-any-kind-of-discussion

Movie Discussion: Pick a movie available for streaming on Netflix, Acorn, or
            another supplier. Watch simultaneously.
            Facetime at the end.
        How did the movie capture your attention at the beginning?
        What scene was most surprising?
        How did the direction and cinematography add to or
            confuse the story?
        Was the ending satisfactory?

The Revolutionary War: What event or document warrants further discussion?
        Example: What Happened at the Boston Massacre?

https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/massacre.html
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Massacre
http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/bostonmassacre.htm

City: What would you want to see in a visit to a travel destination?
Find map websites and sightseeing websites.
Example: Vienna
http://www.visitingvienna.com/sights/my-top-10-places/
http://www.visitingvienna.com/sightseeing/vienna-museums/
https://www.city-walks.info/Vienna/Map-Printable.html

National Park: What would we want to see in a visit to a National Park?
Example: Zion National Park
https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/maps.htm
https://www.nps.gov/zion/learn/news/upload/Wilderness-Guide-2019-small.pdf
https://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks/zion-national-park

Home technology – Explore in your home; how does this work?
Compare your home appliances to your friend's
Furnaces, disposals, dishwashers, toilets, air conditioning
Share photos and verbal descriptions
https://www.servicechampions.net/blog/furnace-basics-how-does-furnace-work/
https://www.explainthatstuff.com/howtoiletswork.html
https://www.thespruce.com/everything-about-garbage-disposals-4150510
https://www.explainthatstuff.com/dishwashers.html
https://www.carrier.com/residential/en/us/products/air-conditioners/how-do-air-conditioners-work/

Real Estate – Compare four local real estate listings
Go to a local real estate company's web site;
pick four houses to compare.
Discuss similarities and differences of layout, decoration, price.
https://search.gurneyrealestate.com/idx/results/listings
https://www.huntrealestate.com/buffalo-niagra-luxury-properties

Home Remedies – What are your favorite home remedies?
https://svthw.org/20-home-remedies-everyone-should-know/
https://www.healthline.com/health/home-remedies
www.health.com/food/10-home-remedies-you-can-find-in-your-kitchen