

Patina · English Expressions

Talking About the Future

ask about plans · hope · encourage · wish · why become a citizen

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★ Asking about the future

Ask about plans and dreams. Click the speaker to hear each one.

ASK:

What are your plans?

What do you hope to do?

What's your dream?

What would you like to do someday?

YOU CAN ANSWER:

I hope to ____.

I plan to ____.

I'd like to ____.

I dream of ____.

THEN ASK BACK:

What about you?

How about you?

★ Hoping

Someone asks a yes or no question about the future. Answer with hope.

YOU THINK YES

I hope so!

Fingers crossed!

YOU THINK NO

I hope not!

YOU DON'T KNOW

Maybe someday.

We'll see.

Tip: Will it rain tomorrow? I hope not! Hope so and hope not are complete answers. Do not add more words.

TRY IT TOGETHER

A Will you pass the civics test?

B I hope so! Fingers crossed!

★★ Encouraging

A friend tells you a dream. Help them feel strong.

SAY:

Good luck!

You can do it!

Go for it!

That's a great goal!

I believe in you.

ANSWER:

Thanks!

Thank you. I hope so.

TRY IT TOGETHER**A** I dream of opening a bakery.**B** That's a great goal! Go for it!**A** Thanks!

★★ Wishing

Answer when something is a nice idea, but it probably won't happen.

SAY:

I wish!

If only!

Me too!

Tip: Are you going to win the lottery? I wish! It means: that's a nice idea, but no.

TRY IT TOGETHER**A** Do you have a long vacation this year?**B** I wish!

★★ Why become a citizen?

Answer the big question. Use hope to, would like to and dream of.

SOMEONE ASKS YOU:

Why do you want
to become a U.S.
citizen?

YOU CAN ANSWER:

I hope to vote.

I'd like to bring my family
here.I'd like to travel with a U.S.
passport.

I hope to serve on a jury.

I dream of working for the
government.

This is my home.

Tip: These are real reasons from USCIS: vote, serve on a jury, travel with a U.S. passport, bring your family, work for the government.

★★★ The whole conversation

Read it with a partner. Then talk about your own plans and dreams.

THE WHOLE CONVERSATION

A What are your plans this year?

B I hope to become a citizen. My interview is next month.

A Good luck! You can do it!

B Thanks. I study for the civics test every day.

A Why do you want to become a citizen?

B I hope to vote. And I'd like to bring my family here.

A Will you pass the test?

B I hope so! Fingers crossed! What about you?

A I dream of opening a bakery.

B That's a great goal! Go for it!

A Maybe someday. First, I need to save money.

B Me too!

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