

When you are running short, and you never should be running shorter than 15 minutes, you can throw out a discussion topic. Or, at the end of every session, give them 5-15 minutes to discuss one question (and one question only) per session.

Here are some topics. You can allow up to 15 minutes for the topic and choose different ones when the need arises.

Don't give any answers. Allow the group to discuss as a group, encouraging everyone to participate. Call on someone who hasn't been speaking to start it off. Here are some samples:

- 1) I arrive at my host family's home with a laptop computer, but they don't own one, and internet access is very expensive. What do I do?
- 2) I'm used to going to church every week, but my host family doesn't. There isn't a church nearby. What should I do?
- 3) My natural parents are going to call on Saturday at 11:00am, but I've been invited to my host brother's friend's house for lunch. What do I do?
- 4) My host mother cooks things I really don't like. I don't want to hurt her feelings. What should I do?
- 5) I bought lots of new clothes before I left the U.S. but the style is different in my host country. What do I do?
- 6) My host father is a hunter and I am against hunting. What do I do?
- 7) It's my host mother's birthday, and I was also invited out with friends. She says it's no problem if I don't stay home. What do I do?
- 8) My girlfriend at home is very jealous. She wants me to email her every day and call her every week. I really care about her and miss her. What do I do?

- 9) My real parents want to visit me overseas. YFU says it's not a good idea. My host family doesn't seem to mind. I'm not sure how I feel. What should I do?
- 10) My host brother says it's fine to drive the family car since I have a license. I know it's against the YFU rules. What do you do?

You can add your own questions during the orientation. Remind them there is no right or wrong answer, but as a leader, be aware that some of their answers could be a "red flag" for problems overseas.