The meaning of "conversation" in English is:

**noun** [C/U]  •  US  /ˌkɑn·vərˈseɪ·ʃən/

- an informal, usually private, talk in which two or more people exchange thoughts, feelings, or ideas, or in which news or information is given or discussed:
  
  [C] *We had a brief conversation Friday.*
  
  [U] *The topic of conversation was college plans.*

- If you make conversation, you cause someone to talk to you, esp. about unimportant matters.

**conversational**

**adjective**  US  /ˌkɑn·vərˈseɪ·ʃə·nal/

*He rarely speaks in a normal conversational tone.*

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She **had** a strange conversation **with** the man who moved in upstairs.

*It's impossible to **hold/carry on** a conversation with all this noise going on!*

*I **struck up** (= started) an interesting conversation **with** your uncle.*

*Because of television, many people have lost the art of conversation (= talking to each other).*

*Whenever I'm in a social situation with my boss, we seem to **run out of** conversation (= things to say to each other) after two minutes!*

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**More examples**

*She fell into a conversation with a man at the bar.*

*There are certain topics of conversation that are not suitable for polite society.*

*She completely monopolized the conversation at lunch.*

*Brother Michael and Brother John were deep in conversation.*

*I wish Dad would stop listening in on my phone conversations.*

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**Idiom**

**make conversation**

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Examples of “conversation”

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To the extent that conversations are implicitly expected or planned to co-occur with dinners, coffee breaks, or other scheduled activities, they are also temporally constrained.

From Cambridge English Corpus

In comparison to ordinary conversations, less common words are employed in both informational and narrative texts.

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Clarification requests play an important role in effective conversations, and children must learn the conversational rules for interpreting and responding to such requests.

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Such regularities in conversations are the subject matter of sociolinguistics - the study of how social settings and roles influence language use.

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An initial warm-up conversation was followed by four narrative tasks in which the child was expected to produce at least one narrative.

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The first one is unlikely to occur in everyday conversation.

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The food is typically served only after any business, such as praying, is complete, and only then is there much conversation.

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Without such specification, it remains unclear why some changes made in conversation lead to corrections, and others don’t.

Hearing a piece of music evoked memories from a person’s past, and spurred conversation with others about past experiences.

The literature reviews give manageable starting places for grounding such research projects in a variety of disciplinary conversations.

However, with regard to the conversation it seems reasonable to assume that less dominance would have been observed had both participants received equal instruction.

Current lack of such data is easily explained through difficulties of recording private conversations.

The translation task was always conducted first and was separated by at least 40 min of conversation from the grammaticality judgment task.

In any conversation where information is conveyed, the interlocutors must have somewhat different models, at least before the end of the conversation.

Only statements and conversations considered to be subversive or dangerous attracted the attention of those in authority and came to be recorded via judicial processes.