

What is your full name? Why did your parents select this name for you? Did you have a nickname?

When and where were you born?

How did your family come to live where you did growing up?

Did any other family members live close by or in the area when you were growing up? Who?

Growing up, what was the house (apartment, farm, etc.) like? How many rooms? Bathrooms? Did it have electricity? Indoor plumbing? Telephones?

Were there any special items in the house growing up that you remember?

What is your earliest childhood memory?

What kind of games did you play growing up?

What was your favourite toy growing up and why?

What was your favourite thing to do for fun (movies, beach, etc.) when you were a teenager?

Did you have chores when you grew up? What were they? Which was your least favourite?

What school activities and sports did you participate in?

Do you remember any fads from your youth? Popular hairstyles? Clothes?

Who were your childhood heroes?

What were your favourite songs and music growing up?

Did you have any pets when you were a child? If so, what kind and what were their names? If no, why do you think you didn't?

Have you ever been mentioned in a newspaper?

Who were your friends when you were growing up?

What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? Did any of them personally affect your family?

Describe a typical family dinner. Did you all eat together as a family? Who did the cooking? What were your favourite foods?

How were holidays (birthdays, Christmas, etc.) celebrated in your family? Did your family have special traditions?

How is the world today different from what it was like when you were a child?

Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?

What do you know about your family surname?

What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents? More distant ancestors?

Are there any stories about famous or infamous relatives in your family?

Have any recipes been passed down to you from family members? If yes, share it here.

Are there any physical characteristics that run in your family?

Are there any special heirlooms, photos, bibles or other memorabilia that have been passed down in your family?

When and how did you meet your spouse? What did you do on dates?

What was it like when you proposed (or were proposed to)? Where and when did it happen? How did you feel?

Where and when did you get married?

What memory stands out the most from your wedding day?

How would you describe your spouse? What do (did) you admire most about them?

What do you believe is the key to a successful marriage?

How did you find out you were going to be a parent for the first time? Why did you choose your children's names?

What was your proudest moment as a parent?

What was your profession and how did you choose it? If you could have had any other profession what would it have been? Why wasn't it your first choice?

Of all the things you learned from your parents, which do you feel was the most valuable?

What accomplishments were you the most proud of?

What is the one thing you most want people to remember about you?

What's the farthest away from home you've ever travelled?

What was the best present you have ever received?

What was the best present you have ever given?

What's the bravest thing you've ever done?

What do you feel you are most proud of in your life?

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

What's your favourite, or one of your favourite books? Why?

What did you have as a child that kids don't have today? Is that a good or bad thing?

Has anything ever happened at a family wedding that you'll never forget?

When you were a teenager, which family member did you go to for advice? Looking back, was it good advice?

What was the hardest thing you went through as a child? How did you overcome it?

What is the most embarrassing thing your mother or father ever did to you?

What are the best memories of the holidays or family gatherings as a child?

What three adjectives would your grandparents use to describe you?

Did your parents or grandparents ever lose their jobs? What happened? How did they start over?

Did you receive an allowance when you were a child? If yes, how much? And did you save your money or spend it?

What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects? Where did you attend grade school? High school? College?

What is the best thing your grandparents ever cooked? What about your parents?

If you could go back to one day in your childhood, which day would that be? Why?

What did your grandparents do with you that you loved? What did they do that you didn't enjoy so much?

When you were young were you involved in any kind of political protests? Why or why not?

Did you have any arguments with your mom when you were growing up? If yes, what were they usually about? Any with your dad? What about?

If you could do any job in the world, besides the one you did, what would it be?

What kind of things get you the angriest? Why?

Why did your parents give you the name you have?

Who was your best friend in school and what was the best thing about this person?

How important do you think it is to look good?

What kinds of scenes in movies make you cry?

Is there any experience you have not had that you regret not having?

What qualities do you most respect in a woman? In a man?

How would people in school describe you then?

What do you think is your worst bad habit?

Have you ever done something brave? If so, did you regret it?

What's the worst dream you can remember?

Would you rather be famous or make a lot of money? Why?

Did you want a marriage like the one your parents had? Why or why not?

What age group of kids do you think you are best with: babies, elementary school or high school?

Of all the types of music so far in your life, what is your favourite and why?

When you were young did you ever drink too much and get sick? If yes, how did it happen?

Would you be upset if your child or grandchild wanted to live in another country when they grew up? Why or why not?

There are two kinds of weddings: big fancy ones and small private ones. Which do you like and why?

Did you ever run away from home? If you did, why did you do it? If you didn't, did you ever think about it? Do you remember why?

Do you believe men and women ought to be equal partners, or should the man be in charge? Why? Did you talk about this before you got married?

Do you think people are born intelligent or can they be made intelligent?

If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?

Have you ever thought of adopting a child? Why or why not?

Who was the best teacher you ever had? And the worst? Why?

When you were a kid, did you have a favourite hiding place? If you did, where was it and what did you do there?

When you were a kid, did you ever belong to a club? If you did, how many people became a member and what did you do together?

What special kinds of food did your mother give you when you were sick? Why did she give you those foods?

When you were young, did you collect anything? If you did, what was it and why did you get into that?

Who was more strict when you were growing up, your mother or father? How did you feel about that?