

Questions for 52 Questions

Here are 106 ideas for weekly family history questions. Feel free to make up your own or combine some of these based on your own family.

1. What grade school did you go to? What was it like there? What were you like there?
2. What high school did you go to? What was it like there? What were you like there?
3. Did you move at all when you were a kid? What was it like moving?
4. Where did you go to college? How did you decide where to go?
5. Do you have any interesting college stories?
6. Were you ever in the military? What branch? What made you decide to join?
7. Do you have any interesting stories from the military?
8. Did you have any boyfriends or girlfriends in grade school? Are you still friends with them?
9. Did you have any boyfriends or girlfriends in high school? Are you still friends with them?
10. Did you have any boyfriends or girlfriends in college? Are you still friends with them?
11. How did you meet the person you're married to?
12. What made you decide that [name] was the one to marry?
13. What was your wedding like? Do you have any advice on weddings?
14. Do you have any relationship advice?
15. Did you have any jobs while you were in high school?
16. Did you have any jobs when you were in college?
17. What was your first job, and how did you get it? What other jobs did you have after that?
18. Where did you work when you graduated?
19. What was your family like?
20. Where did you grow up? What was it like there?
21. Did you ever meet anyone famous?
22. Did you ever work with anyone famous?
23. Were you ever on TV or radio?
24. Did you play a musical instrument?
25. Did you ever perform in public?
26. Have you ever been to another country? Which ones?
27. What was your favorite job?
28. Where did you work the longest?
29. If you left college before graduating, why did you leave?
30. Have you traveled a lot in the United States?
31. Where have your favorite places to travel been?
32. Did anyone really ever break your heart? How do you feel about that now?
33. Did you ever break anyone's heart? How do you feel about that now?
34. Did you play a sport in high school or college?
35. Did you play a sport in a youth/rec league?
36. Are you still friends with anyone from grade school?

37. Are you still friends with anyone from high school?
38. Are you still friends with anyone from college?
39. Are you still friends with anyone from the military?
40. Are you still friends with anyone from any of your jobs?
41. How did you decide what you wanted to do when you grew up?
42. How did you get each of your jobs?
43. Did you have any hobbies?
44. Do you remember your first date? What was it like?
45. What was your first date with so-and-so like? Or what was the first thing the two of you did together?
46. Did you date in high school?
47. Did you date in college?
48. How old were you when you came to this country? What was it like?
49. What was it like learning English, and what was it like not being able to speak English?
50. Were you ever bullied as a kid? When did it stop?
51. Were you ever a bully as a kid? When did you change?
52. Were you one of the cool kids or one of the not cool kids? What did you think about it then, and what do you think about that now?
53. Do you have any "life advice"?
54. Is there anything you regret not doing at any point?
55. Did anyone ever give you advice that stuck with you?
56. Who do you consider your best friend in life, and why?
57. What do you consider as the one event in your life that changed you the most, and why?
58. If you had one "do-over" what would it be, and why?
59. Were you ever arrested?
60. Did you ever go to jail?
61. What's your relationship like with your siblings?
62. Did you have any pets?
63. What was your first car?
64. Were you ever in an auto accident?
65. Did you live through or participate in any historic events?
66. Did you ever get in a fist fight...did you win or lose?
67. Did you ever change religions? Why? What was the reaction in your family?
68. What was it like marrying someone from another religion, race, or culture? How did your family react?
69. Was there ever a time you thought you were going to die?
70. Did you ever have to go to the hospital?
71. When did you start liking girls/boys?
72. When did you realize you were gay, transgender, etc? How did you react? How did your family react?
73. Were you popular in school?
74. Were you a troublemaker or a goody two shoes when you were a kid?

75. Who did you go to the prom with?
76. Did you ever do anything stupid or dangerous as a child or teenager?
77. What was one of the most romantic moments of your life?
78. Do you remember the first funeral or memorial service you went to?
79. Did you have any favorite teachers?
80. What holiday traditions do you remember?
81. What were some of your family traditions?
82. What was the first house you lived in like?
83. What were your grandparents like?
84. What were your parents like?
85. Did you have any cousins? How often did you see them?
86. What was your first big trip?
87. What were you like as a teenager?
88. If you could have as much money as you wanted, what would you do with it?
89. What's one of the strangest things that's ever happened to you?
90. Have you ever won anything?
91. Have you ever changed your mind about anything over the years?
92. Is there anything you're really good at?
93. What do you remember about your baptism, confirmation, bar mitzvah, bat mitzvah, etc?
94. What was your favorite movie or TV show? What did you like about it?
95. How often did you visit your grandparents? How often did your grandparents visit you?
96. How did your parents pick your name? How did you pick ours?
97. What was it like for you when your mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, or spouse died?
98. What was your relationship with your parents like?
99. What did you do on weekends as a kid?
100. Did you ever want to be famous? What for?
101. How is your faith different from that of your parents? Have you ever doubted your own faith?
102. Did you ever get a lucky break that you didn't see coming?
103. When did you find out that you were adopted? How did you react? Did you ever try to find your birth parents?
104. Where did you go on your honeymoon? What was it like?
105. Why did you leave home?
106. How many places have you lived?