

# Conversation Questions

## Family

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- Are friends more important than family? What do you think?
- Are chores assigned to children in your family?
- Are you married?
- Are you pressured by your family to act in a certain way?
- Are you the oldest among your brothers and sisters?
- Are your parents strict?
- Did you ever meet any of your great grandparents?
- Do you get along well with your family?
  - Do you get along well with your brothers and sisters?
  - Do you get along well with your in-laws?
- Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, how old are they?
- Do you have any children? If yes, what are their names and ages?
- Do you have to clean your own room?
  - Does your mother make you clean your room?
- Do you like your family? Why or why not?
- Do you live with any of your grandparents?
- Do you live with your parents?
- Do you look more like your mother or your father?
- Do you often argue with your mother or father? What about?
- Do you often visit your grandparents?
- Do you think people should adopt children from other countries?
- Do you usually have any influence on family matters?
- Do your parents let you stay out late?
  - What time do you have to be home?
  - Do you have a curfew?
- How did you get your name?
  - For whom are you named?
  - Who are you named after?
- How many (first) cousins do you have?
- How many aunts and uncles do you have?
- How many brothers and sisters do you have?
- How many children do you have?
- How many members do you have in your family altogether?
- How many people are in your (immediate) family?
- How many people are in your family?
- How often do you see your cousins?

- How often do you see your grandparents?
- How often is your entire family together?
- How old are your brothers and sisters?
- How old are your children?
- How old are your grandparents?
- How old are your parents?
- Is spanking a good way to discipline children?
- Should people follow the religion of their parents, or should they have the liberty to choose another?
- What are some of your fondest memories of childhood?
- What are your parents like?
- What do you and your family like to do together?
- What do you think of married couples who decide not to have any child?
- What do your mother and father look like? How about your grandparents?
- What do your parents do in their free time?
- What are the occupations of your family members?
  - What does your father do? What's his job?
  - What does your mother do?
- What is the best memory you have of your family doing something together?
- What kind of things do you do with your family?
- What will you teach your children? (what values, beliefs, hobbies, skills, etc.)
- What would you change about your childhood?
- Where do your grandparents live?
- Where does your father's father live?
- Where does your mother's mother live?
- Who do you get along better with, your mother or your father?
- Who is the black sheep (odd ball) in your family?
- Would you get involved in your in-laws' family problems?
- Would you live with your parents after you get married?
- Should children help with the housework?
  - How much or how often should they help?
  - What kinds of housework is not appropriate for children to do?
- Do you live in a nuclear family or an extended family?
  - What are the advantages and disadvantages of these types of family?
- What impact has divorce and/or modern day living had on the family?
- Is the nanny and/or the day-care centre the third parent?
- Where is the best place to raise a family?
  - Where do you think the best place to raise a family is? Why?
- What can make you happy in the long term/ short term? Consider the following: job satisfaction, a loving family, good health, plenty of money, strong religious beliefs, ...
- Do you think your parents understand you? Why or why not?
- Who does the household work, your father or your mother or both of them?
- Have you ever seen your mother (or father) cry? When was that and why?

- What do you think of your mother and your father?
- Which do you think is more important: following the dreams your parents want for you or following your own dreams?
- What's the hardest thing you ever had to do?
- What was the most important thing your parents taught you?
- What's the best thing about your mom?
- If you could have a different number of siblings, what would it be?
- Who should take care of old people?
- What is the perfect number of children to have?
- What's the best thing about your grandparents?
- Should parents give their children an allowance?
- How often does your family eat dinner together?
- How should parents discipline their children?
- After you're married, should your parents make decisions for you?
- What's the best thing about your dad?
- Who is the breadwinner in your family?
- How is nudity regarded in your family?
- Describe the perfect family.
- Do your parents get along with each other?
- Do your parents trust you?

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