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## QUESTION TEACHING METHOD

### “to teach is to learn”

**Good teaching requires the teacher to ask open ended questions** for feedback to evaluate progress, a method attributed to Socrates.

**Teaching skills are important for teachers at all levels, as well as parents**, especially those interested in home schooling. One of the key teaching methods that is of great importance is using questioning as a learning tool.

**This method of using questions to teach and evaluate performance is called the Socratic Method.** Based on Socrates, the famous Greek philosopher and teacher, who was a mentor directly or indirectly for both Aristotle and Plato. Socrates taught his students in a manner that was beyond some of the conventions of the time. The method involved questioning. While classically and still today we find many teachers and professors or educational instructors presenting lectures, as far back as Socrates we find questions being used as a key learning tool.

Questioning students not only allows the teacher to evaluate the level of understanding but also provides for feedback, fine tuning the levels of teaching, dealing with misconceptions early, as well as **improving the educational material presented**. Perhaps one of the most key thoughts beyond all the information above is very simple. **Teaching is learning. To teach is to learn. Good teachers learn and adapt to their students, and expand or refine their teaching material as they learn about themselves as well.**

**Students help teachers redefine their own horizons and levels of knowledge.** The Socratic Method of teaching raises questions and provides a powerful system that can be useful across the board for so many purposes.

One of the most useful facets of the Socratic Method of questioning is that **it allows for quick evaluation of what a student does and does not know**. Many parents and teachers do use different methods of questioning, however fail to ask appropriate questions or use an inappropriate style. Many fail to ask open ended questions. Instead they assume the answer. For example: "**Susy, you know what circumnavigation means, right?**" Little Susy may nod her head yes and still not understand what Magellan did with his ship in sailing the world. It would be better to ask a more direct question: "**Johnny, what does circumnavigation mean?**" Or you could ask for a practical example: "**Johnny, what does circumnavigation mean, using an example from history?**" (or from something you just studied such as Magellan's explorations around the world).

Many children will not ask what a specific vocabulary word means and will just assume the meaning or remain silent, which can lead to miscommunication or problems later with basic concepts. **The same is true for math concepts and much more.** Failure to provide an adequate number of questions using open ended questions fails to challenge the student and incorrectly assesses their ability. Now here is another thought. Most students want to be challenged. It gives them a sense of positive reward or feedback to answer questions correctly and can also be a motivational tool.

**Questions allow the instructor to continually adapt the material and level of the lesson to better meet the students needs. Some students do better with practical examples while others do better with definitions.** By questioning students and seeing where their strengths and weaknesses are one can provide better educational material. **In addition some concepts or examples are not effective.** Some questions are too difficult, too confusing, too ambiguous, and if put on a test, do not measure the students' true knowledge but only reflect that the question may be confusing. Fine tuning lessons can be very important.

Finally, **to teach is to learn. This is very important and is the reason why so many teach.** In many cases students shed new light on a subject with their questions, asking something from a different angle than was ever expected. This results in new answers or creative thought and expands everyone's knowledge of the subject.

To teach is to learn. **To find the answers we must ask questions, and those very questions are perhaps one of the most important tools of teaching.**

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF QUESTION ANSWER METHOD OF TEACHING?

This method is quite important. Through question, an attempt is made to establish and evaluate the knowledge of students in regard to the subject. This method ensures participation. The teacher should ask question and the student should be encouraged to ask questions.

### Advantages of Question-Answer Method

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- 1) It can be used in all teaching situations.
- 2) It helps in developing the power of expression of the students.
- 3) It is helpful to ascertain the personal difficulties of the students.
- 4) It provides a check on preparation of assignments.
- 5) It can be used to reflect student's background and attitude.
- 6) It is quite handy to the teacher when no other suitable teaching method is available.

### Disadvantages

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- 1) It requires a lot of skill on the part of teacher to make a proper use of this method.
- 2) It may sometime mar the atmosphere of the class.
- 3) This method generally is quite embracing for timid students.
- 4) It is time consuming.

## How to use this book

Don't just write a yes or no. When you answer a question, write at least one long sentence. If there is more than one line, please try to explain your ideas in detail.

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## Conversation Topics

About the United States	Countries	Friends
Accidents at Home	Creativity	Fruits & Vegetables
Adoption	Crime	Future
Advertising	Cultural Shock & Adapting to	Gambling
Advice	Culture	Garage sale
After a Vacation	Daily routine	Gardening
Age: Youth & Old Age	Dangers	Gender Roles
Airplanes	Death & Dying	Generation Gap
Amusement Parks	Diets	Gestures
Anger	Disabilities & Handicaps	Getting to Know Each Other
Animals & Pets	Disaster	Gifts
Annoying Things	Disaster Preparation	Goals
April Fool's Day	Discrimination	Gossip & Rumors
Arguing	Do You Wish...?	Habits
Art	Dogs & Cats	Happiness
Bags and Purses	Dreams	Health
Baseball	Nightmares	Healthy Lifestyle
Basketball	Drugs	Hobbies
Beach	Earthquakes	Holidays
Behavior	Education	Home
Birthdays	Encouragement	Homeless
Body Language	English Literature & Books	Hometowns
Books & Reading	English study	Homework
Business	Entertainment	Honesty & Truthfulness
Cars & Driving	Environment & Pollution	Class Renovation
Celebrities	Everyday Questions	How Long...?
Change	Eye Contact	How often do you...?
Charity	Facebook	Humor
Cheating in exam	Fads & Trends	Immigration
Childhood	Faith & Faithlessness	Internet
Children	Family	Inventions
Cities	Family & Alternative Lifestyles	Job Interview
Classrooms	Famous People	Jobs & Occupations
Clothes & Fashion	Fashion	Jokes
College	Favorites	Languages
Comics	Fears	Leaders & Leadership
Community	Feelings	Learning a Foreign Language
Commuting	Films in Your own Language	Likes & Dislikes
Complaining	Fire Safety	Living Arrangements & Dream
Computers	First Dates	House
Conflict in families	Food & Eating	Machines
Corruption	Free Time & Hobbies	Manners

Marriage	Prejudices	Television
Meaning of Life & Reasons for Living	Privacy	Tell me about...?
Meeting People	Procrastination	Terror
Memory	Race	Texting
Midlife Crisis	Religion	The Art of Conversation
Mind, Body & Health	Religious holidays	The Unexplained
Money & Shopping	Restaurants & Eating Out	Time
Motivation	Retirement	Tipping
Movie Industry	Safety Inside & Outside of Home	Trade Fairs, County Fairs & Industrial Exhibitions
Movies	School	Traffic Accidents
Moving to another country	Science & Technology	Transportation
Moving to the United States	Secrets	Trauma
Music	Self-employment	Travel
My Life so Far	Service Industry	Unemployment
Names	Silly Questions	University
Neighbor Complaints	Single Life	Vegetarian
Neighborhood	Sleep	Volunteer Work
New Media	Smoking	War
News	Social Networking	Weather
Communities	Social Problems	Weddings
Olympics	Sports	Weekends
Painting	Standardized Exams	What if...?
Parenting	Stereotypes	What would you...?
Personality	Stress	When did you first...?
Photography	Supernatural, Ghosts & superstitions	When was the last...?
Plagiarism	Talk About Four Things	White Lies
Planning a Party	Talk About Three Things	Who is the greatest...?
Plans	Teachers	Wishes
Police	Teaching	World Peace
Politics	Teenagers	Would you ever...?
Possessions	Telepathy	Would you rather...?
Poverty	Telephones	
Are you good at ...?		
Days of the Week		
How do you...?		
Months of the Year		

## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

1. What do you do? What's your job?
2. Are you **good at** cooking/swimming/etc?
3. Do you like playing basketball?
4. Have you ever met a famous person?
5. How do you spend your free time?
6. How long have you been studying English?
7. Tell me about a favorite event of your adulthood.
8. Tell me about a favorite event of your childhood.
9. What are your hobbies?
10. What two things could you not do when you were.....?
11. What countries have you visited?
12. What do you do on Sundays?
13. What do you like doing in your free time?
14. What hobbies do you have?
15. What is the nearest bus stop or train station to your house?
16. What is your motto?
17. What is your religion? (Perhaps not a good question in some situations.)
18. What kind of food do you like?
19. What kind of people do you like?
20. What kind of people do you not like?
21. What languages do you speak?
22. What two things could you not do when you were a child, but you can do now?
23. What's something you do well?
24. Who do you respect the most?
25. Who has had the most influence in your life?
26. Why did you decide to take this course?
27. Why do you want to learn English?
28. Would you like to be famous?
29. What do you think you will be doing five years from now?
30. Where do you think you'll be living five years from now?
31. What is your goal in life?
32. Are you a 'morning' or 'night' person?
33. When do you feel best? In the morning, afternoon, or evening?
34. How many cities have you lived in?
35. Which do you prefer, sunrises or sunsets?
36. What could you do as a child that you can't do now?
37. Who is your next door neighbor in your home country?
38. Did you get along with each other?
39. What is the best memory of our country that you will take back home with you?
40. What is the worst memory of our country?
41. How many times did you move as a child?
42. What is the profile of the wife/husband you would meet?
43. What kind of woman/man would you like to marry?

### YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

## **AIRPLANES**

1. Can you sleep during the flight?
2. Do you know someone who is afraid of flying in an airplane?
3. Have you ever seen a female pilot? Why do you think that most pilots are men?
4. How old were you when you went on your first flight? Where did you go?
5. What are some movies you remember seeing on the plane?
6. What are the advantages of traveling by airplane? What are the disadvantages?
7. What are three things you're supposed to do before the flight takes off?
8. What arrangements should you make for pick-up at the airport?
9. What do you do when you experience turbulence?
10. What do you like to do during the flight?
11. What questions do they ask you when you check-in at the airport?
12. What questions should you ask when buying airplane tickets?
13. What should be done with obese people who practically take up two seats?
14. What things can you see in an airport?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

1. Do you trust alternative medicine?
2. Do you know anyone who uses alternative medicine?
3. Do you think alternative medicine is just a trend that goes in and out of fashion?
4. Do you think alternative medicine works?
5. Do you think alternative medicines are tried, tested and safe?
6. Do you think alternative medicines work better than modern drugs?
7. What alternative medicine do you know about?
8. What are your thoughts on traditional Chinese medicine?
9. What do you think of things like art therapy, music therapy, healing with animals, etc?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **AMERICAN**

1. Who are the Americans?
2. Who is the greatest American leader?
3. Do you think Americans play a great role in world affairs?
4. Does the media in your country portray a negative or positive image of Americans?
5. Have you been to the USA?
6. What American cultural influences affect today's world?
7. What are the differences between the words 'America', 'American' and 'the USA'?
8. What do you know of the past history of the Americans?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **ANNOYING THINGS**

1. Can annoying someone be a good thing?
2. Can you think of some things children do that annoy adults around them?
3. Do you annoy people with some of your habits?
4. Do you get annoyed when other people display bad manners?
5. Do you think you have habits that annoy other people?
6. Does it annoy you when people don't use the right punctuation?
7. Does smoking bother you?
8. How do you change annoying habits?
9. How do you inform someone they are being annoying
10. If something is annoying you, what do you usually do?
11. What annoying habits does your best friend have?
12. What annoys you about living where you live now?
13. What annoys you most about living at home with your family?
14. What are some new pet peeves you have as a result of recent technology (i.e. cell phone use)?
15. What are some things that annoy you that don't annoy your best friend?
16. What is something that your parents do that annoy you?
17. What is the most annoying thing for you?
18. What kinds of people annoy you?
19. Who is the most annoying person you know? Why?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **ARE YOU GOOD AT...?**

1. Are you good at climbing trees?
2. Are you good at singing?
3. Are you good at speaking English?
4. Are you good at computer games?
5. Are you good at playing the piano?
6. Are you good at cooking noodles?
7. Are you good at math?
8. Are you good at telling jokes?
9. Are you good at making people smile?
10. Are you good at drawing pictures?
11. Are you good at imitating others?
12. Are you good at whistling?
13. Are you good at remembering song lyrics?
14. Are you good at fixing things?
15. Are you good at sending text messages?
16. Are you good at finding places?
17. Are you good at cooking noodles?
18. Are you good at playing volleyball?
19. Are you good at swimming?
20. Are you good at driving a car?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **BEHAVIOR**

1. What is bad behavior?
2. What is good behavior?
3. Can bad behavior lead to crime?
4. How should we punish children who commit crimes? Explain.
5. Should parents be held responsible for their children's behavior? Explain.
6. Should some parent give medicine to their children to calm them down? Explain.
7. What should you do with a child who has very bad behavior?
8. Would you teach your child to "hit back" at school if somebody hits them?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **CARS AND DRIVING**

1. Are you a good driver?
2. Can you drive a manual shift car?
3. Do you have a car? If so, what kind of car do you have?
4. Do you know anything about repairing or maintaining a car? What do you know how to do?
5. Do you prefer driving or riding public transportation?
6. Have you ever been (or) do you know anyone who has been in an accident related to drunk driving?
7. Have you ever been in a car accident?
8. How long did it take you to learn to drive?
9. How old were you when you first learned to drive?
10. Was there anything difficult about learning to drive?
11. What are the advantages of owning a car?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **CHARITY**

1. Are there any charities in (your town/city)? How about in (your country)? What are they?
2. Do you agree with the expression "charity begins at home"? Explain.
3. Do you give money to beggars or homeless people? Why or why not? If you give money to beggars or homeless people, about how much do you give?
4. Do you give money to registered charities? (e.g. Red Cross, World Wildlife Fund, Green Peace, Kimse Yok mu? - "Is Anybody There?...") Can you name some other registered charities?
5. Do you think charities should only help people and not animals, buildings, etc?
6. Do you think governments should do more to help charities?
7. Do you think having large charity organizations is a good idea? Why or why not? What are some of the good points? What are some of the bad points?
8. Do you think the government should give money to homeless people?
9. Do you think the people you know are very charitable?
10. Have you ever received charity from others? What did you feel?
11. How do you know if a beggar is a real beggar?

### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

# CHILDREN

1. Do you enjoy being around children?
2. Do you think children are more violent today than they used to be? Why?
3. Do you think that children are different today from the time when you were child? Or from 50 years ago? 100 years ago?
4. Do you think that children are naturally good? Why or why not?
5. Were there many children in your family?
6. What are the positive or negative things about being a child?
7. What is most annoying or amazing thing about children?
8. What is the most important thing that we need to teach children?
9. What was your favorite game when you were a child?
10. What were some important experiences that you had when you were child which shaped you as a person?
11. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

# CLASSROOM

1. Do you like the location of your desk in your classroom? Why? Why not?
2. Is your classroom a nice place to study? Why? Why not?
3. What are five things you don't like about your classroom?
4. What are five things you like about your classroom?
5. What are five things you would like to change in your classroom?
6. What is the ideal seating plan or arrangement in a classroom?
7. Do you think classrooms are ideal learning places?
8. What kind of classroom setting is the best for you?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

# CLOTHES & FASHION

1. Do you often buy new clothes?
2. About how much money do you spend on clothes a year?
3. Do fashionable clothes really change the way a person looks?
4. Do you dress the same when you are depressed as you do when you are very happy?
5. Do you prefer to go shopping or just browse? Why? (Browse: look around)
6. Do you think men should be allowed to wear skirts? Why?
7. Do you think people feel different when they wear different clothes?
8. Do you think that the clothes we wear reflect what is inside us? How?
9. Do you wear jewelry? If so, what kind of jewelry do you wear?
10. Do you wear the same color clothes now that you wore ten years ago?
11. Have you ever bought *imitation brand clothing*?
12. Have you ever bought secondhand clothes?
13. Have you ever made your own clothes? If so, what did you make?
14. Have you ever worn your hair braided in small braids? Did anyone look at you differently because of it?
15. How often do you wear jewelry?

16. **In what ways** do you dress differently?
17. Is it possible to be beautiful without wearing any make-up, earrings or other accessories?
18. **What** are some of the strangest fashions you have seen?
19. **What colors** do you choose to wear when you are happy?
20. **What colors** do you think look **good on** you?
21. **What colors** do you think look good on your mother?
22. **What** did you wear yesterday?
23. **What differences** have you noticed in the fashions here and in your country?
24. **What** do you think about men who wear earrings? What do you think of women who do?
25. **What** do you think about secondhand clothes?
26. **What** do you think of a man who is bald for fashion's sake?
27. **What** do you think of *body piercing*? Do you have *pierced ears*? Do you know anyone with a *pierced* nose?  
Would you ever *pierce* your tongue? Would you pierce other parts of your body?
28. **What** do you *think of* men wearing high heels?
29. **What** do you think of men who wear tights?
30. **What** do you think of people who always and only wear black?
31. **What** do you think of people who *dye* their hair green? (dye: color)
32. **What** do you think of women wearing high heels?
33. **What kind of clothes** do you usually wear?
34. **What type of clothing** do you wear when you are angry and you want to express yourself?
35. **What** would you think if a bride wore red?
36. **What** would you think if the mother of the groom wore black at a wedding?
37. **What** would you think of a woman who *cut off* all her hair and went around bald as a fashion statement?
38. **What's the most expensive piece of clothing** you have ever bought?
39. **What's** your favorite color for shoes?
40. **When** you get old **do** you think you will dress like your grandmother or grandfather?
41. **Where** are some good stores to buy clothes in this area?
42. **Why** do you think people buy secondhand clothes?
43. **Why** is it acceptable for women to wear men's clothing, but not for men to dress in women's clothing?
44. **What piece of clothing** do you spend your money on the most? Why?

**bald:** /bɔ:lð/ /ba:lð/

**braid** /breɪd/: a length of hair that has been separated into three parts and then woven together

**costume:** /'kɒs.tju:m/ /'kə:.stu:m/

**pierce:** /pɪəs/ /pɪrs/: to have a small hole made in your ears, nose etc so that you can wear jewellery through the hole

**tattoo** /tə'tu:/, /tæt'u:/: a picture or writing that is permanently marked on your skin using a needle and ink

## YOUR QUESTIONS

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- 2.

## COLORS

1. What's your favorite color? Has your favorite color changed as you've grown older?
2. Do you have a color that you hate? If so, what is it? Why do you hate it?
3. Do you think colors affect your mood?
4. How does red make you feel?
5. How does green make you feel?
6. How does blue make you feel?
7. How does purple make you feel?
8. How does black make you feel?
9. How does white make you feel?
10. How does yellow make you feel?
11. How does brown make you feel?
12. How does grey make you feel?
13. What do you think of orange?
14. Do you think different cultures have different meanings for colors? What do the different colors mean in your culture?
15. Do you associate any colors with specific items, numbers, or letters not usually associated with color?
16. How many colors are in the rainbow? What are they?
17. What colors are on your national flag?
18. What's the best color for a car?
  - a. What's the best color for a house?
  - b. What do you think is the best color for lens in sunglasses?
  - c. What's the color for hatred?
  - d. What's the color for happiness?
  - e. What's the color for sadness?
  - f. What's the color for anger?
  - g. What's the color for death?
  - h. What's the color for jealousy?
  - i. What is the color of envy ?
  - j. What's the color for cowardice?
19. What color is money in your country?
20. Do you know anyone who is color blind?
  - a. What colors do most color blind people not see?
21. Do you think animals can see color?
22. What does black-sheep of the family mean?
23. Do you dream in color?
24. How would you compare the feeling you get watching a movie in black and white to watching it in color?
25. What color clothes do you like to wear?
  - a. What colors do you think look good on you?
  - b. What color shoes do you like to wear?
  - c. What do you think is the strangest color for a car? How about a house? How about clothing? How about hair color?
26. Do you know anyone who has dyed their hair a strange color? (... an unnatural hair color such as blue or multiple shades?)
27. Have you ever seen a pet dog or cat with dyed fur?
28. Do you think different colors have different meanings? If so, what do different colors mean?
29. Do the color blind dream in color?

- a. Do you think people who are color blind can dream in color?
- 30. What color of paper you like most if you want to write a letter to your friends or loved ones?
- 31. What is your least favorite color?
- 32. What color toothbrush do you have? Does everyone in your family use a different color toothbrush?
- 33. What color towels do you use?
- 34. What color are the curtains in your bedroom?
- 35. What does it mean when someone says he's feeling blue?
- 36. What does it mean when someone says they are green with envy?
- 37. What does it mean when someone says "you look green at the gills"?
- 38. What does it mean when someone says "I was so mad I was seeing red"?
- 39. What does it mean when someone says "he was black as an ace of spades"?
- 40. What is pink eye?
- 41. What does it mean when you see the color of a rainbow in your eyes?
- 42. What would you think of life without colors? How would life change? What things wouldn't change?
- 43. Are color blind people completely blind to all colors?
  - a. Do you think a person's favorite color will always be his/her favorite color?
  - b. Do favorite colors change throughout life?
  - c. Have you ever tried to invent a new color? What does it look like?
- 44. What color ink do you like using the most?
  - a. What is the meaning of writing with black ink?
  - b. What is the meaning of writing with green ink?
  - c. What is the meaning of writing with red ink?
  - d. What is the meaning of writing with blue ink?
- 45. Can you think of different idioms or expressions involving color?
  - a. What's a "black and white" matter?
  - b. What does it mean to "see red"?
  - c. What does it mean to "feel blue"?
  - d. What does it mean to "be yellow"?
  - e. What's a "black tie affair"?
  - f. What does it mean to be "blacklisted"?
  - g. What does it mean to be "the black sheep in the family"?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

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- 2.

## COMPUTER

1. Do you access the Internet with your computer?
2. Can you access the Internet from your home?
3. What is your favorite "news" site?
4. What Internet sites do you visit regularly?
5. Are you good at using a computer?
6. Can your mother and father use a computer?
7. Did you learn to use a computer in high school?
8. Do you have a computer at work and at home?
9. Do you have a digital camera?
10. Do you have a laptop or a desktop computer? Do you have both?
11. Do you have a scanner?
12. Do you read computer magazines?
13. Do you send photos by e-mail?
14. Do you use chat-rooms? If so, what chat-rooms do you use and who do you talk to?
15. Do you use your computer when you do homework for school?
16. Do you want a more powerful computer? If so, what computer do you want?
17. Have you ever studied English using your computer?
18. How many computer programming languages do you know?
19. How many e-mail addresses do you have?
20. How many e-mails do you get a day?
21. How many e-mails do you send a day?
22. How many times a day do you access your e-mail?
23. How many times have you upgraded your computer?
24. How powerful is your computer?
25. What are some of your favorite computer games?
26. What company made your computer?
27. What do you think is the best size to have?
28. What do you use a computer for?
29. What kind of computer do you have?
30. What kind of pictures do you take with your digital camera?
31. What operating system do you use?
32. What size is your computer screen?
33. Which computer magazines do you read?
34. Which language do you use the most often?
35. Who taught you to use a computer?
36. Why did you buy your computer?
37. Have you ever taken a course at school where you used a computer?
38. How do you study English with your computer?
39. What is the difference between software and hardware?
40. How many people in your family can use a computer?
41. How much did your first computer cost? How much did your last computer cost?
42. How much does it cost to buy a computer?
43. How much does your Internet service provider cost?
44. If you could buy a new computer, what would you like to buy?
45. If you had lots of money, what kind of computer system would you like to buy?

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

access the Internet  
be good at using a computer  
upgraded your computer

46. Which do you like better, a laptop computer or a desktop computer?
47. What is your favorite website?
48. Do you ever visit English websites while web-surfing?
49. When did you first get a computer?
50. Do you remember the first time you used a computer or the Internet?
51. How long have there been personal computers in your country?
53. Do you think a computer can bring us happiness? Explain your opinion.
54. What are some good things about having a computer?
55. What are some bad things about having a computer?
56. Does having a computer make life more complicated or less complicated? In what ways?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **CONFLICT**

1. What is conflict?
2. Is conflict always negative?
3. Can conflicts at work place affect the efficiency of one's work?
4. Can violent conflicts be solved with violence?
5. Does there have to be a winner and a loser of a conflict?
6. How can conflicts be resolved?
7. How can the world be peaceful when other countries are not trying to bring peace?
8. How do you deal with conflicts?
9. Is conflict inevitable?
10. What causes conflict?
11. What conflicts are going on around the world?
12. What conflicts exist in your life?
13. What happens to people who are involved in conflicts?
14. What would you consider to be a constructive approach to conflict?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **CRIME**

1. Are some parts of this city considered more dangerous than others? Which parts?
2. Are there any places you are afraid to visit because of the high crime rate? If so, where?
3. Are there problems with drugs where you live?
4. Are you fearful about walking outside after dark?
5. Do you always lock your house? How about your car?
6. Do you know anyone who has been mugged?
7. Do you know someone who has been a victim of a violent crime?
8. Do you think abortion is a crime?
9. Do you think gun control is a good idea? Explain.
10. Do you think people who use illegal drugs should be put in jail?
11. Do you think police TV dramas are realistic?

12. Do you think policeman should be allowed to carry guns?
13. Do you think that capital punishment is a good idea? Why or why not?
14. Do you think that police dramas can teach people how serious certain actions can be?
15. Do you think that the death penalty would prevent crime in your country? Why (not)?
16. Do you think there are any legal drugs that should be illegal?
17. Do you think there is a link between drugs and crime?
18. Do you think there will be more or less crime in the future?
19. Do you think your country is a safe place to live? Why or why not?
20. Do you walk alone at night in your home city?
21. Have you ever done anything illegal? If so, what did you do?
22. Have you ever had something stolen from you?
23. Have you ever seen a crime?
24. How can you prevent things from being stolen?
25. Is child abuse a problem in your country?
26. Is drunk driving a crime where you live? If so, what is the punishment?
27. Is your hometown considered safe?
28. What crimes do you think will decrease in the future?
29. What crimes do you think will increase in the future?
30. What crimes have you heard about recently in the news?
31. What do you think is the worst crime a person could commit? Why?
32. What is the punishment for murder in your country?
33. What is the punishment for stealing in your country?
34. What kinds of crimes do you think can be prevented? How?
35. What would you do if you heard a burglar in your house?
36. What's your opinion about the death penalty?
37. Who decides what is and isn't a crime?
38. Why do you think crime is more widespread in some societies than in others?
39. Why do you think people steal things?

#### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

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## **CULTURE**

1. Are there many people of different cultures in your country? Are you friends with any?
2. Do you know much about your own culture?
3. Do you think "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" is always good advice? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to "do as the Romans do"?
5. Have you ever felt confused by the actions of someone from another culture? If so, tell me about it.
6. How do you feel when you leave your home culture and enter into a completely new culture?
7. How do young people in your culture behave differently from older people?
8. How do young people in your culture behave differently from people in this culture?
9. If a group of people just came to your country from overseas, what advice would you give them?
10. If you could change one thing about your culture, what would it be?
11. If you could choose three aspects of your culture to put in a "time box" for the future, what would you put in it?
12. What are some things that define a culture? For example, music, language, ...

13. What culture besides your own do you admire and why?
14. What do you like about your culture?
15. What do you think is important when visiting another culture?
16. What do you think is interesting about your culture?
17. What does it mean to be polite in your culture?
18. What don't you like about your culture?
19. What has surprised you when you've met people from other countries?
20. What is considered rude in your culture?
21. What is the best/most important thing your culture has given to the world?
22. What is the best/most important thing your culture/country has adopted from another culture?
23. What other cultures have you met people from?
24. What your culture are you most proud about?
25. When people from other countries think about your culture, what do they usually think of?
26. Who in your culture do you admire most?
27. Why do you think culture is important?
28. Would you ever consider living permanently in a country other than your home country? Why or why not?
29. Would you ever consider marrying someone from another culture?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **DAYS of the WEEK**

1. Can you spell the days of the week?
2. On which day do you start work again?
3. What day is the day after tomorrow?
4. What day is tomorrow?
5. What day of the week is the hardest for you to spell?
6. What day was it yesterday?
7. What day was the day before yesterday?
8. What days of the week are the weekend?
9. What is the date today?
10. What is your first working day of the week?
11. What is your last working day of the week?
12. What was the date yesterday?
13. What day is it today?
14. What will the date be tomorrow?
15. Which days of the week do you have an English class?

#### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

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## DREAMS

1. Do you usually remember your dreams? Why/ Why not? Describe some of them.
2. What was your nicest dream that you can remember?
3. Talk about the most recent dream you can remember that you have had in the past.
4. Talk about a recurring dream that you have had in the past.
5. How do you interpret a dream? Do you use your intuition/imagination to understand it?
6. Do you usually read books on dream interpretation? What is your opinion on it?
7. Do you generally have pleasant dreams or nightmares?
8. Have you ever had nightmares? What were they like?
9. What's the worst nightmare you've ever had?
10. Have you ever had or heard of a dream that foretold the future?
11. Have you ever dreamed about dead people? Is it a good signal? Why/Why not?
12. Have you ever dreamt about dead friends or relatives? How was it? How did you feel?
13. Are dream messages sent from our unconscious, predictions of the future, or the brain's way of cleaning out information?
14. Some people say that dreaming about losing money means that you will receive it. Have you ever heard this? What other sayings about dreams do you know?
15. Do your dreams ever affect your moods? Explain.
16. Do you usually dream in black and white or in color?
17. Have you ever woken up from a dream "in a cold sweat"?
18. Do you believe that dreams can sometimes predict the future?
19. Has anyone told you if you have walked or talked in your sleep?
20. When you were a child, what was your dream for the future? Has it changed?
21. Do you remember what you dream about in your sleep?
22. What is your dream for the future?
23. Have your dreams for your future changed?
24. Do you tell people about your dreams?
25. Do you think you can achieve your dreams?
26. If you had lots of money what would you do with it?
27. Do you think that having a lot of money can make you happy?
28. Do you think that having dreams and aspirations is a waste of time?
29. Here is a list of dream images. What might they represent?

a. a road	h. fire
b. the sky	i. falling
c. snow	j. darkness
d. a garden	k. being chased
e. an open door	l. speaking with a dead relative
f. a light	m. flying
g. sand	

## Your QUESTIONS

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## **EARTH DISCUSSION**

1. Do you think 'Earth' is a good name for our planet?
2. Do you think it's possible to save the Earth?
3. Does your religion have an explanation for the creation of Earth?
4. Have you ever used the application Google Earth?
5. How much trouble do you think the Earth is in today?
6. How often do you think about the Earth?
7. What are the biggest challenges facing Earth?
8. What are your feelings towards the Earth?
9. What do you do in your life to care for the Earth?
10. What do you know about the centre of the Earth?
11. What do you know about the history of Earth?
12. What do you know about the surface of the Earth?
13. What do you think is the most beautiful thing about the Earth?
14. What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'Earth'?
15. What is Earth made of?
16. What natural hazards are there on Earth? Do they affect you?
17. What will happen to the Earth if all humans disappear from it?
18. Why is Earth the only place known in the universe that has life?
19. Would you like to see the Earth from space?

### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **EDUCATION**

1. Are there good universities in your city? What are they?
2. Are there some professors that you can learn from more easily than others?
3. Describe the ideal university/school.
4. Do you have difficulty with school work?
5. Do you think it is easier to learn as a child or as an adult?
6. Do you think that most parents influence what university their child will attend?
7. Do you think your school is a good one? Why/why not?
8. Do you think your teachers give too much homework?
9. Does your country have good public universities? If not, why do you think there is a lack of funding for education in your country?
10. Does your country provide a good public school system?
11. How did you decide which college to attend?
12. How do students cheat in your school?
13. How do you motivate yourself?
14. How do you travel to school?
15. How do your country's schools compare with schools in other countries?
16. How is your classroom organized?
17. How long must you go to university to get a degree?
18. How much free time does a high school student in your country have?
19. How much is too much homework? How should the homework load be managed?
20. How should parents react to cheating?

21. How would you change the public schools for the better?
22. If you have not attended university, do you plan on doing so?
23. Is it difficult for people without a university education to get good jobs where you live?
24. On average, how well are teachers paid?
25. Once you graduate from a university should you stop learning?
26. Should education be free?
27. Tell about your learning experience.
28. What are some good ways to learn English?
29. What are some ways a person can continue to learn?
30. What are the qualities of a good student?
31. What are the qualities of a good teacher?
32. What are the qualities that make you want to study for a certain professor?
33. What are the top three changes you would like to see happen at your university/school?
34. What are the top three things you hope to get out of (get as a result of) your university/school days?
35. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
36. What do you study? What's your major?
37. What is the average age of a high school graduate?
38. What is the average class size in your country?
39. What is the most difficult class you have taken so far?
40. What is your attitude towards cheating?
41. What is your major? Why did you choose your major? Do you have any regrets?
42. What is your philosophy on homework? Grading? Portfolio?
43. What kind of relationship do you have with your teachers?
44. What kind of world do you think this would be if people never went to school?
45. What realistic changes would you make to your country's attitude toward education?
46. What skills separate good students from bad students?
47. What was (or is) your favourite lesson? Why do you like it?
48. Where do we learn the skills necessary to become a good student - in elementary, middle, high school, or university?
49. Which high schools and universities are so good in your city?
50. Who selects the university you will attend -- you or your parents?
51. Why are you studying a foreign language?
52. Why do students cheat during tests and exams?
53. Why do you think people don't want to be teachers?
54. Why English is hard to learn at university level?
55. Why is it helpful to learn a Second language?
56. Why is it sometimes very difficult to speak another language?
57. Would you consider studying abroad?

**Your QUESTIONS**

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## **ENERGY**

1. Do you think scientists will solve the world's energy problems?
2. Do you think solar cells, wind farms, tidal power, hydropower and thermal energy will solve our future energy needs?
3. Do you try to save energy?
4. Does your country need a lot of energy?
5. Does your country use a lot of renewable energy?
6. Does your government have/need an energy conservation policy?
7. Have you started buying energy-efficient appliances for your house?
8. How can you save the amount of energy you use every day?
9. How much energy do you use every day?
10. What do you think low energy houses of the future will be like?
11. What do you think of a future in which we totally rely on nuclear energy?
12. What do you think of the world's hugely increasing energy needs?
13. What do you think when multinational energy and oil companies say they care about the environment?
14. What happens if we run out of energy?
15. What have you done today that has used your country's energy

### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

1. Do you add to the environment's problems in your daily life?
2. Do you think animals are angry with humans for destroying the Earth?
3. How would you explain to someone who doesn't know what global warming is?
4. How would you feel if all the pandas died and became extinct?
5. Is it better if we all went back to nature (left the cities and moved to the countryside)?
6. Is it possible for everyone to change their lifestyle to help the Earth?
7. What can you do every day to help the environment?
8. What causes climate change and how can we reverse it?
9. What do you think when you hear the words 'environmental problem'?
10. What is the biggest environmental problem? Why do you think so?
11. What makes environmental problems?
12. What problems do you know of about water?
13. Who is most responsible for creating environmental problems?
14. Why is an environmental problem a problem?
15. Will the problems get worse or will they slowly disappear?
16. Will we (humans) kill the Earth one day?

### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## ENVIRONMENT & POLLUTION

1. Do you recycle?
2. Do you think people should recycle newspapers? Why or why not?
3. Do you think recycling is an important community service?
4. Do you think there are lessons to learn from nature?
5. Do you usually drink bottled water? Why or Why not?
6. Does your local government make it easy or hard for citizens to recycle?
7. How can we protect the environment and at the same time improve people's standard of living?
8. How has the world changed since you were a child? (technology, values, environment, health)
9. How is pollution effecting the environment of the United States today? How about your own country?
10. How often is garbage collected in your neighborhood?
11. How would this help the environment?
12. If you could choose one alternative energy source to develop which one would you choose? Why?
13. What are some things that can be recycled?
14. What are some ways energy is wasted?
15. What can large cities do to improve their air quality?
16. What can we do to protect forests?
17. What can you do to help prevent pollution?
18. What can you do to make this world a better place?
19. What do you think of people who smoke cigarettes indoors?
20. What happens when we remove forests?
21. What is the main problem with renewable energy sources?
22. What is the most important issue facing the environment today?
23. What types of energy are popular in your native country?
24. What's happening to forests in the world?
25. Who do you think is more responsible for pollution, individual people or the government? Explain.
26. Why should we recycle?

### Your QUESTIONS

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## FAVORITES

**Note:** Many of the below questions can be changed from "What is" to "What was." In place of singer: actor, actress, baseball player, athlete, ...

1. What is your best friend's name?
2. What is your favorite animal?
3. What is your favorite city in the United States?
4. What is your favorite color?
5. What is your favorite country? And why?
6. What is your favorite day of the week? Why?
7. What is your favorite drink in the summer?
8. What is your favorite food? What is your favorite kind of food?
9. What is your favorite holiday? Why?
10. What is your favorite kind of book?
11. What is your favorite kind of ethnic food?

12. What is your favorite kind of movie?
13. What is your favorite kind of music?
14. What is your favorite magazine?
15. What is your favorite memory of childhood?
16. What is your favorite movie?
17. What is your favorite radio station?
18. What is your favorite season? Why?
19. What is your favorite sport?
20. What is your favorite time of day?
21. What is your favorite TV program?
22. What is your favorite vegetable? Why? (fruit, meat, salad dressing, etc.)
23. What is your favorite Web site?
24. What's your favorite smell?
25. What's your favorite word in English? Why do you like it?
26. Who is your favorite actor?
27. Who is your favorite actress?
28. Who is your favorite athlete?
29. Who is your favorite character from literature?
30. Who is your favorite musician?
31. Who is your favorite singer?
32. Who is your favorite soccer player?
33. Who is your favorite super-hero? Explain why.
34. Who was your favorite singer when you were younger? How about now?
35. Who was your favorite teacher? Why?
  - ....in high school?
  - ...in junior high school?
  - ...in elementary school?
36. What was your favorite subject in school?
  - ....in high school?
  - ...in junior high school?
  - ...in elementary school?

## FOOD & EATING

1. About how many different color foods did you eat for dinner last night?
2. Are there any foods that bring back special memories for you? What are they?
3. Are there any foods that you wouldn't eat as a child that you eat now?
4. Are you a good cook?
5. Are you a vegetarian?
6. Are you concerned about your daily calorie intake when choosing something to eat?
7. At what times do you usually eat your meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)?
8. Can you cook well?
9. Did you drink coffee this morning?
10. Did you eat lunch today?
11. Do the utensils we use to eat affect the kind or way we prepare the foods we eat?
12. Do you always eat dinner with your family?
13. Do you always eat vegetables?
14. Do you believe that "we are what we eat?"

15. Do you cook? If yes, what food do you cook the most often?
16. Do you drink milk every day?
17. Do you eat bread every day?
18. Do you eat breakfast every day?
19. Do you eat fruit every day?
20. Do you eat lunch at school every day?
21. Do you enjoy eating intestines? (Substitute in other foods that students are not likely to enjoy.)
22. Do you ever skip breakfast? If so, how often and why?
23. Do you have a favorite bar or cafe? If so, where is it? Why do you like it?
24. Do you have any food allergies?
25. Do you have coffee for breakfast?
26. Do you know someone who struggles with an eating disorder?
27. Do you know the nutritional value of the things you eat every day?
28. Do you like British food?
29. Do you like Chinese food? Why or why not?
30. Do you like deep-fried food?
31. Do you like food from other countries? If yes, which do you like the most?
32. Do you like Japanese food? What kind of Japanese food do you like?
33. Do you like peas and carrots? How about spinach?
34. Do you like to cook? Why or why not?
35. Do you like to eat a lot of food every day?
36. Do you like to eat American foods?
37. Do you like to eat at fast food restaurants?
38. Do you like to eat cakes?
39. Do you like to eat junk food?
40. Do you like to eat some desserts after dinner?
41. Do you like to eat? Why or why not?
42. Do you like to have breakfast each morning? Why or why not?
43. Do you like to try new food and drinks?
44. Do you like trying new foods?
45. Do you notice any differences in the way food is served at the table when you travel?
46. Do you often eat out?
47. Do you pray before each meal?
48. Do you prefer to eat at a restaurant or at home?
49. Do you prefer your own country's food or other kinds of food?
50. Do you read the nutritional information on the foods you buy?
51. Do you take vitamin pills?
52. Do you think a vegetarian diet is better than a diet that includes meat?
53. Do you think about color when you are preparing a meal?
54. Do you think fast food, soda and sweets should be sold in school cafeterias?
55. Do you think it is good to count calories when you are eating?
56. Do you think that food defines a culture? If so, how?
57. Do you usually eat at home or eat at a restaurant?
58. Do you usually want to eat dessert after dinner?
59. Does your family have any special recipes that are passed down from generation to generation?
60. Have you ever been on a diet? If so, how long did you stay on it?
61. Have you ever eaten dog meat?
62. Have you ever eaten something that made you ill?

63. Have you ever found something disgusting in your food?

64. Have you ever sent food back in a restaurant?

65. Have you ever tasted African food?

66. How does the etiquette of eating together in your country differ from other countries?

67. How long do you take to eat lunch?

68. How many calories do most people need every day?

69. How many meals a day do you think should be eaten?

70. How many meals do you usually eat every day?

71. How much do you eat when you are sad or happy?

72. How much does it cost to eat dinner at a hotel in your country?

73. How much does lunch usually cost at school?

74. How much rice do you eat?

75. How much should you tip the server in a restaurant?

76. How often do you eat at a fast-food restaurant?

77. How often do you eat bread?

78. How often do you eat fresh fruit?

79. How often do you eat in a restaurant? (How often do you eat out?) Where do you usually go? Who do you usually go with? About how much do you spend? Do you ever go to an Indian restaurant?

80. How often do you eat steak?

81. How often do you go drinking? What's your favorite drink?

82. How often do you go shopping for food?

83. If you are living abroad, what is the food that you miss most from home?

84. If you were on death row, what would you request for your last meal?

85. Is there any food that you really dislike to eat?

86. Should fast food restaurants serve healthier food?

87. What are some foods that are considered unhealthy?

88. What are some foods that you know are healthy for your body?

89. What country's food do you like the most?

90. What did you eat for lunch yesterday?

91. What did you eat the last time you ate at a restaurant?

92. What did you have for breakfast this morning?

93. What did you have for supper last night?

94. What do Chinese people eat for lunch?

95. What do you eat for breakfast every day?

96. What do you eat when you feel sad?

97. What do you like to drink?

98. What do you like to eat for your dinner?

99. What do you think about super-sizing?

100. What do you think of \_\_\_\_\_ food? Chinese food? English food?

101. What do you usually eat for lunch?

102. What do you usually like to drink when you go out?

103. What food can you cook the best?

104. What food do you hate? Why do you hate it?

105. What food would you like to see in a restaurant in this country?

106. What foods do you hate?

107. What foods do you love?

108. What foods have you tasted which you will never forget for the rest of your life?

109. What fruit do you eat the most often?

110. What have you eaten so far today?
111. What is a typical meal from your country?
112. What is one of your favorite foods?
113. What is the cheapest place to eat that you know? About how much is a meal? Where is it? How often do you go there?
114. What is the food you like about your country?
115. What is the last meal you cooked for someone else?
116. What is the most expensive meal you have ever eaten?
117. What is the most expensive restaurant that you have ever been to? What did you eat there? When did you go? Who did you go with?
118. What is the most unusual thing you've ever eaten. Did it taste good or bad?
119. What is the strangest food you have ever tried?
120. What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?
121. What is your favorite dessert?
122. What is your favorite fast food restaurant?
123. What is your favorite food? Please describe your favorite food.
124. What is your opinion of \_\_\_\_ food? American food? British food?
125. What kind of beverages do you usually drink?
126. What kind of desserts do you like to eat?
127. What kind of food do like to eat when you are angry?
128. What kind of food do you eat between meals?
129. What kind of food do you like the most?
130. What kind of food do you like to eat? What kind of food do you like?
131. What kind of food does your mother make?
132. What kind of food that you think is the least healthy?
133. What kind of food that you think is the most healthy?
134. What kind of food you usually eat?
135. What kind of fruit do you like the best?
136. What kind of restaurants you like?
137. What kind of vegetables do you like?
138. What kinds of food do you usually eat for lunch?
139. What Korean food do you like? Chinese, French, Italian, etc.
140. What new foods have you tried this month?
141. What restaurant in this city do you recommend? Why is it a good place? About how much does a meal cost?
142. What special foods do you eat on holidays? (Christmas, New Year's Day, etc.)
143. What time do you usually eat breakfast? How about lunch and supper?
144. What type of restaurants would you not tip in?
145. What vegetable do you like best?
146. What would you bring to a pot-luck lunch?
147. What's the best restaurant you've ever been to?
148. What's the best restaurant you've ever been to? Why did you like it?
149. What's the strangest food you've ever eaten?
150. What's your favorite dessert?
151. What's your favorite drink in the summer?
152. What's your favorite fish?
153. What's your favorite food?
154. What's your favorite junk food?
155. What's your favorite kind of ethnic food?

- 156.** What's your favorite kind of food?
- 157.** What's your favorite kind of meat?
- 158.** What's your favorite restaurant? Why do you like it?
- 159.** What's your favorite snack?
- 160.** When was the last time you ate at a restaurant?
- 161.** When was the last time you ate dinner with your mother?
- 162.** When you go food shopping, do you buy foods you've seen in TV commercials?
- 163.** Where do you usually eat dinner? (...lunch, ...breakfast)
- 164.** Which country's food do you like the most?
- 165.** Which do you eat more often, rice or bread?
- 166.** Which fast food restaurants do like?
- 167.** Which fast food restaurants do you eat at the most often?
- 168.** Which food from this country do you like the least?
- 169.** Which food is overpriced?
- 170.** Who do you usually eat dinner with?
- 171.** Why are diets usually short?
- 172.** Why can't people stop eating?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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- 2.**

## **FRIENDS**

- 1.** Describe one of your closest friends.
- 2.** Are relationships among people better or worse than a few years ago? Why? Give some examples.
- 3.** Do you believe that there is an end to any true friendships?
- 4.** Do you believe your parents should be your friends?
- 5.** Do you have any childhood friendships that are still strong today? Tell us about them.
- 6.** Do you make friends easily?
- 7.** Do you think famous people are happier than ordinary people? Why?
- 8.** Do you think it is a good idea to borrow money from a friend? Why or why not?
- 9.** Do you think it is possible to have a best friend of the opposite gender without becoming a girlfriend or boyfriend?
- 10.** Do you think that dysfunctional family life contributes to worsening relationships in society?
- 11.** Do you trust all of your friends? Why?
- 12.** How are your friendships different now than they were when you were a child?
- 13.** How can you be a good friend?
- 14.** How can you get to better know a person?
- 15.** How do you make new friends?
- 16.** How important is forgiveness in human relationships?
- 17.** How long have you known your best friend? Where did you meet and what did you have in common?
- 18.** How many people do you consider your "best friends?"
- 19.** Is it common to have friendships across generations? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these types of friendships. Do you have any friends from a different generation than you?
- 20.** There is a proverb that says, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Do you agree?
- 21.** There is a saying "To have a good friend, you need to be a good friend."

22. What are some good opportunities to meet new people?
23. What are some ways your best friend has influenced your life in a positive way?
24. What are some ways your best friend has influenced your life in a positive way?
25. What behavior of others hurts you most? When you have upset someone by your actions, what do you try to do?
26. What do you consider to be your good and bad qualities?
27. What do you do when you have a misunderstanding with your friend?
28. What do you like best about your best friend(s)?
29. What do you usually do with your friends?
30. What factors may result in the breakdown of a good friendship?
31. What is a best friend?
32. What is the relationship between love and friendship?
33. What makes friends different from family?
34. What qualities do you appreciate in your friends? What makes someone special or best friend?
35. What qualities do you think are important in a friend?
36. What qualities help you to have good relationships with others?
37. What quality do you admire most in people and which one do you find the most objectionable?
38. What things should friends never do?
39. What traits or actions make an interpersonal conflict worse?
40. What type of people do you get along with best?
41. Who is the most interesting person you have ever met?
42. Why are friendships important for you? Do you still maintain friendships from the past?
43. Why do you like your best friend? What are some things you like about your best friend?
44. Why do you need a friend?

## **GENDER ROLES**

1. Are more doctors female or male in your country?
2. Are more professional musicians female or male in your country?
3. Are more teachers female or male in your country?
4. Are more truck drivers female or male in your country?
5. Are men and women equal in ability and intelligence?
6. Are the responsibilities of a mother the same as the responsibilities of a father to their families?
7. Are there different expectations for sons and daughters?
8. Are there more male or female managers and executives? Why do you think this is?
9. Can men wear pink clothes? Why or why not?
10. Can men wear women's clothing or can women wear men's clothing? Why or why not?
11. Do men/men friendships differ from women/men or women/women friendships? How?
12. Do women swear a lot?
13. Do you see yourself as a typical man/woman? Why or why not?
14. How would the world look like without men?
15. How would the world look like without women?
16. In your home, who does the cooking, cleaning and household chores?
17. Is it common for women and men to take part in sporting activities? Do they take part in the same type of sporting activities?
18. Is it compulsory for men and women to join the army in your country?
19. Is it OK for men to appear sad?
20. Is it OK for men to appear weak?

21. Is it OK for men to cry?
22. Is it OK for women to appear angry?
23. Is it OK for women to cry?
24. Is it possible for women to join the army in your country?
25. Should boys and girls be brought up differently?
26. Should boys and girls be treated differently on the part of the parents?
27. What are the responsibilities of a father to his family?
28. What are the responsibilities of a mother to her family?
29. What do people think of men or women crying?
30. What habits are deemed as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?
31. What jobs are deemed as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?
32. What jobs do men do and women not do in your country?
33. What things can either men or women do that the other cannot do and why?
34. What type of clothing do men wear?
35. What type of clothing do women wear?
36. What would happen if your parents changed their place for one day?
37. What would people think of a man who backs down from a fight?
38. When a woman and a man are together, who does most of the talking? What makes you think so?
39. Who is regarded as the head of the family?

**Your QUESTIONS**

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## **GOALS**

1. Do you have any goals that you feel are unrealistic?
2. Do you think it's a good idea to write your goals down and tick them off as you achieve them?
3. Do you think people have fewer goals as they get older?
4. How do people's goals change from country to country?
5. How do you plan to achieve that goal?
6. How important are goals to you?
7. How would you feel if you failed to achieve any of your goals?
8. Is having a goal helpful in motivating a person?
9. Is having a goal in life effective in becoming successful?
10. Should parents help their children set goals?
11. What are the main differences between male and female goals?
12. What are your "long term" goals?
13. What are your "short term" goals?
14. What are your career goals?
15. What are your educational goals?
16. What are your financial goals?
17. What are your goals in your current job?
18. What is your biggest goal in life?
19. Which of your goals have you already achieved?
20. Why are goals important?

**Your QUESTIONS**

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## GOSSIP AND RUMORS

1. Do you like to gossip?
2. Do you like to read gossip newspapers?
3. Do you think gossip can be used for something good?
4. Do your friends often gossip about you?
5. Has someone ever spread a rumor about you?
6. Has spreading rumors ever got you in trouble?
7. Have you ever told a rumor that got someone in trouble?
8. What are some of the things you like to gossip about?
9. What are some ways which gossip can be harmful?
10. What are the most common themes for gossip?
11. What is your attitude to gossip newspapers?
12. Where are some places where people like to gossip?
13. Which newspapers can be called gossip newspapers?
14. Why do people like to gossip about the rich and famous?
15. Why do you think people like to listen to gossip ?
16. Why is it considered that women gossip more than men?

### Your QUESTIONS

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## HEALTH

1. Are you healthy?
2. Are your parents healthy?
3. Do think that you need to lose weight?
4. Do you always eat healthy food? (Is your diet healthy?)
5. Do you catch a cold more than once a year?
6. Do you drink a lot?
7. Do you eat a lot of vegetables?
8. Do you eat lots of fruit?
9. Do you eat vegetables every day?
10. Do you ever get headaches?
11. Do you know anyone who suffers from migraine /'maɪgrēɪn/ headaches?
12. Do you ever read magazines or news articles about health? If yes, what subject(s) do you find the most interesting?
13. Do you exercise?
14. What kind of exercise do you do?
15. How often do you exercise?
16. Do you go for regular medical check-ups?
17. Do you go to the dentist's twice a year?
18. Do you have a lot of stress? If so, why?
19. Do you normally go one doctor in particular or any available doctor?
20. Do you have any allergies?
21. Do you have any scars? (scar: a permanent mark left on the body from a cut or other injury)
22. Do you know anyone who suffers from backaches?
23. Do you know anyone with false teeth?
24. Do you often eat fast food?

25. Do you smoke? If so, do you smoke more than two cigarettes a day?
26. Do you think smoking is not bad for your health?
27. Do you take medicine when you are sick? If not, what do you do?
28. Do you take vitamins or mineral supplements? Do you think they are useful.
29. Do you think it is unhealthy to keep a cat in your home?
30. Do you think pets are good for a person's health
31. Do you think you are overweight?
32. Do you watch your weight? What foods do you think are healthy?
33. Do you usually get enough sleep?
34. Have you ever been hospitalized? (Have you ever been in the hospital?)
35. Have you ever been to an acupuncturist? What do you think of acupuncture? / 'ækjʊpʌŋktʃər /
36. Have you ever broken a bone?
37. Have you ever burned yourself with hot water?
38. Have you ever donated blood?
39. Have you ever gotten a black eye?
40. Have you ever had braces on your teeth?
41. Have you ever taken a sleeping pill to get to sleep?
42. How can you reduce stress in your life?
43. How have you been feeling lately?
44. How many hours of sleep do you get a night?
45. How many hours of sleep do you usually get?
46. How often do you eat junk food?
47. What kinds of junk food do you eat?
48. How often do you exercise?
49. How often do you get a cold? (How often do you catch a cold?)
50. How often do you get sick in one year?
51. How often is garbage collected in your neighborhood?
52. How would you recommend treating a cold?
53. If you were president of your country, what would you do to improve people's health?
54. What are some things that cause stress?
55. What are some ways to deal with stress?
56. What disease frightens you the most? Why?
57. What do you do to stay healthy? (What are some things you do to keep healthy?)
58. What do you do, if you can't get to sleep?
59. What do you think about getting old?
60. What do you think is the most serious health problem in your country?
61. What do you think of cosmetic surgery? Do you know anyone who has had cosmetic surgery? Would you ever consider having cosmetic surgery?
62. What drinks do you think are healthy? What drinks do you think are unhealthy?
63. What foods do you think are healthy? What foods do you think are unhealthy?
64. What is the best way to find a doctor, if you're new in the area?
65. What is the most horrible accident you have ever had?
66. What time did you go to bed when you were a child?
67. What's the best way to stop smoking?
68. What's the highest temperature you've ever had?
69. What's your blood type?
70. When was the last time you went to a dentist?
71. When was the last time you went to a doctor?

72. When was the last time you went to a hospital?
73. When was the last time you were sick?
74. When you were in high school, how many days of school did you miss each year because of sickness?
75. Who is the healthiest person in your family? Who is the least healthy?
76. Why do people smoke?
77. Would you consider donating your organs after your death?
78. What is the health service like in your country?
79. What do you think of the health service in this country?
80. How can the health service be improved?
81. Have you been to hospital since you arrived here?
82. What do you know about AIDS?
83. What do you know about the common cold?
84. What is alternative medicine?
85. Have you ever practiced alternative medicine?
86. What treatments or remedies do you follow when you have a cold?
87. Which kind of medicine do you prefer to take when you are sick?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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## **HONESTY**

1. Are there people that you do not trust?
2. At what times do you appreciate people being honest with you?
3. How can people tell if you have been dishonest with them?
4. How can you be honest and not hurt someone?
5. How can you tell when people are being dishonest with you?
6. How do feel when you have been dishonest with someone?
7. How do you feel when someone has been dishonest with you?
8. What are some common situations when people are sometimes dishonest?
9. What do we mean when we say a person is honest?
10. What is the definition of honesty?
11. What is the opposite of honesty?
12. What kind of problems does dishonesty cause?
13. When have you been dishonest?
14. When have you been honest?
15. When have you had times when people have been dishonest with you?
16. When is honesty difficult?
17. When might it be kind more to be completely honest with someone?
18. Who have you been honest with?
19. Why is dishonesty not good?
20. Why is honesty important?
21. Why is honesty so difficult at times?
22. Why is it good to be honest?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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# INTERNET

1. About how many hours a day do you use the Internet?
2. Can you believe all the information that is published (available) on the Internet?
3. Do men and women use the internet for different purposes?
4. Do you access the Internet from your mobile phone?
5. Do you have any ideas or ambitions to start an Internet company?
6. Do you have more many e-mail addresses? Why? Why not?
7. Do you often use the Internet? Why? Why not?
8. Do you think governments have the right to censor the Internet?
9. Do you think our lives have been improved by the Internet?
10. Do you think that having Internet access is mainly for rich people? Will poor people be disadvantaged?
11. Do you think that it is a good or bad habit for young people to play computer games?
12. Do you think that it is important for schools to have Internet access? Why?
13. Do you think that meeting people is easier than meeting people face to face?
14. Do you think that online banking (being able to do most of your banking by the Internet and ATM machines) will become popular in all countries? What is a disadvantage of this?
15. Do you think that people should put photos of their friends onto the Internet?
16. Do you think that some people spend too much time on the Internet and does this stop them from seeing their friends? Why?
17. Do you think that the Internet safe for children? Why
18. Do you think that the Internet usage is an anti-social activity? Why? Why not?
19. Do you think that the Internet will replace Libraries?
20. Do you think the Internet favors men or women?
21. Do you use the Internet for fun or education?
22. Does your family have wireless Internet access in your home?
23. Have you ever bought something using the Internet?
24. How often do you use the internet?
25. In your opinion, what is the most important feature of the Internet?
26. Is it dangerous to meet people on the Internet?
27. Is the Internet making people more impatient? Are we becoming a society where we all want instant satisfaction?
28. Many Universities are now offering online courses. Give me some reasons why this is a good thing.
29. Some web sites hold very dangerous information, for example how to make a bomb. How can we control these Web sites?
30. What are some of the ways the Internet can be used for education?
31. What are some of the ways the Internet can be used for entertainment?
32. What are some security issues you must think about when you access the Internet?
33. What is copyright? How do we break copyright law on the Internet?
34. What is the best thing about the Internet?
35. What problems does the Internet create? What problems does it solve?
36. What type of pages do you access with your phone?
37. When you buy something on the Internet, trust is very important. Why?
38. Which company is your Internet provider? Why did you choose this company? Are you satisfied with their service? How much does it cost you?
39. Why do you need more than one e-mail address?
40. Why is it a good idea to have books and magazines published on the Internet?

## ISLAM

1. What is Islam?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Islam'?
3. What questions about Islam would you really like answered?
4. What was the last news story you read or heard about Islam?
5. What is Jihad and why do people misinterpret it?
6. What is the difference between Islam and other world religions?
7. How has Islam changed the world throughout history?
8. Why do you think Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world?
9. What are the Five Pillars of Islam?
10. What do you know about Islamic art?
11. How are Muslim countries different to non-Muslim countries?
12. What things must and mustn't you do when you enter a mosque?
13. Does Islam have different rules for men and women?
14. Would you like to make the pilgrimage to Mecca?
15. Do you think Muslims are treated equally by the major world powers?
16. What do you know about Islamic holidays such as Ramadan and the Eid celebrations?
17. What do you think of Islamic dress?

### Your QUESTIONS

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## JOB

1. Are there jobs that are only for women or only for men?
2. At what age do people usually begin to work in your country?
3. At what age do people usually retire in your country?
4. At what age would you like to retire? What do you think you will do after you retire?
5. Describe a typical day at your current job?
6. Describe some of the people that you work with?
7. Do you have a part-time job? If so, what do you do?
8. Do you have to attend a lot of meetings for your job?
9. Do you have to do a lot of paperwork?
10. Do you think people over 65 should be made to retire?
11. Do you think women and men should be paid the same for the same job? Have you ever worked on a farm? Did you like it? Would you like to go back on this farm job? If not, why?
12. How do you like your work?
13. How do your wants and desires affect your career options and goals?
14. How long do you plan to continue working where you are?
15. How long have you been working at your present job?
16. How many days a week do you work?
17. How much do you think a doctor should be paid a month? How about a secretary? How about a truck driver?
18. How many years of schooling would you prefer to have?
19. How much money do you make? (Maybe this is not a good question to ask.)
20. How much money does a secretary get paid per week?
21. How old were you when you got your first job?

**22.** If money weren't a problem for you, which job would you prefer to have?

**23.** If you could own your own business, what would it be?

**24.** If you had to choose between a satisfying job and a well-paid one, which would you choose?  
Is being a housewife a job? Should women get paid for this?

**25.** Is it common for men and women to have the same jobs in your country?

**26.** Is it easy to find a job in Canada? How about in your country?

**27.** What are some common occupations in your country? What are some common jobs for men in your country?  
What are some common jobs for women in your country? What are some jobs that children do?

**28.** What are some jobs that you think would be boring?

**29.** What are some jobs that you think would be fun?

**30.** What are some questions that are frequently asked in a job interview?

**31.** What are the pros and cons of being a manager?

**32.** What are you responsible for?

**33.** What are you trying to do in order to find a job that you really like?

**34.** What do you like most about that job?

**35.** What do you think is the best job? What do you think is the worst?

**36.** What do you think would be the most interesting job? The most boring?

**37.** What does your father do? (What does your father do for a living?)

**38.** What does your mother do?

**39.** What influenced your choice of job? (Why did you choose your job?)

**40.** What job do you want to have in five years' time?

**41.** What job would you most like to have, if social/cultural boundaries did not apply? (How different are they?)

**42.** What job(s) do you wish to have in the future?

**43.** What jobs in your country are considered to be good jobs? Why?

**44.** What kind of volunteer work have you done?

**45.** What kind of work do you do? What kind of work do you want to do in the future?

**46.** What other courses do you need to take so you can pursue your hobbies and personal interests?

**47.** What time do your start and finish work?

**48.** What was your first job?

**49.** What would be your dream job? Do you think it would be possible for you to get this job?

**50.** What's one job you wouldn't like to do? Why not?

**51.** When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

**52.** Which college courses are required for you dream job?

**53.** Which job would you never do?

**54.** Who has the best job in the world? Why do you think so?

**55.** Who is the breadwinner (provider) in your family?

**56.** Who makes the most money in your family? (This may not be a "polite" question to ask.)

**57.** Would you be upset if your boss was a woman?

**58.** Would you describe yourself as a workaholic?

**59.** Would you like a job that required you to sit at a computer all day?

**60.** Would you like to have a management position?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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- 2.**

## LIFE

1. Do you enjoy life?
2. Do you ever feel you have wasted your life?
3. Do you have a good quality of life?
4. Do you think there's life after death?
5. Do you think there's life on Mars (or on other planets)?
6. If life came with an instruction manual, what would it say?
7. If you could live someone else's life, whose would it be and why?
8. Is life complicated?
9. Is life more similar to a pizza or a box of chocolates?
10. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'life'?
11. What does life taste, smell, feel, look and sound like?
12. What is the meaning of life?
13. What life-changing moments have you had in your life?
14. What will life be like fifty years from now?
15. What word would you use to sum up your life?
16. What's your biggest goal in life?
17. What's your love life like?
18. Who has been your biggest influence in life?
19. Would you like to live your same life all over again?

### Your QUESTIONS

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## LIKES AND DISLIKES

1. What kind of **music** do you like?
2. Who are your favorite performers or bands?
3. Do you like music or musicians from other countries as well? If so, who or what kind?
4. What kinds of music don't you like?
5. Name some singers or groups that you dislike.  
What are your all-time favorite TV programs?
6. What are your favorite kinds of programs or shows?
7. Do you like movies from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
8. Do you like actors from other countries as well? If so, who?
9. What kinds of movies or which actors don't you like?
10. Who are your favorite actors?
11. Do you like programs or shows from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
12. Do you like actors from other countries as well? If so, who?
13. What kinds of programs or which actors don't you like?
14. Do you like watching **movies**?
15. What are your favorite kinds of movies?
16. What are your favorite kinds of sports?
17. Do you like sports from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
18. Do you like football players from other countries as well? If so, who?
19. What are your favorite kinds of books?

## MUSEUMS DISCUSSION

1. Are all museums good for children?
2. Are all museums important?
3. Do you prefer going to museums alone or with others?
4. Do you prefer museums with interactive exhibits or those you just look at?
5. Do you think museums in other countries are more or less interesting than those in your own country?
6. Do you think museums should be free to enter?
7. If you could have one exhibit from any museum in the world, what would it be, and why?
8. If you had lots of money to start your own museum, what would you exhibit in it and what would you call it?
9. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'museum'?
10. What do you like most and least about museums?
11. What do you think is the best museum in the world?
12. What exhibitions are on at the moment that you'd really like to see?
13. What is the first museum you can remember going to?
14. What kinds of museums are there in your town?
15. What's the best museum you've ever been to?
16. What's the strangest museum you've heard of?
17. Which country has the best museums in the world?
18. Would a museum dedicated to your life and times be interesting?
19. Would you become really intelligent if you spent a year wandering through museums?
20. Would you like to work in a museum?

### Your QUESTIONS

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## MATHS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are all intelligent people good at maths?
2. Are girls or boys better at maths?
3. Are people who are really good at maths very interesting?
4. Are there times when two plus two equals five?
5. Are you good at mental arithmetic now?
6. Can you remember what your first real kiss was like?
7. Did you have a favourite or a hated maths teacher?
8. Did you like maths at school? Why? Why not?
9. Do you know your times tables up to 12 times 12?
10. Do you like 'maths' – the British English pronunciation and spelling, or 'math' the American versions?
11. How many different branches of mathematics do you know of?
12. How often do you use maths of some kind in a normal day?
13. Were you good at maths at school? Why? Why not?
14. What do you know about the history of maths?
15. What do you remember when you hear the word 'mathematics'?
16. What is maths useful for nowadays if we have computers and calculators?
17. What is the philosophy of mathematics?
18. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'mathematics'?
19. What's most confusing to you: algebra, statistics, probability or chaos theory?
20. Why is maths so important at schools?

## MEMORY

1. Are there some things or times that you will never forget? Tell your group about them.
2. Are there some things or times that you wish you could forget? Tell your group about them.
3. As people grow older, sometimes the distant past is easier to remember than the near past. Why do you think this is? Have you ever seen examples of this? Tell your group about them.
4. Do you have a good memory or a bad memory?
5. Do you have a photographic memory? Do you know anyone who has a photographic memory?
6. Do you usually remember things or forget things?
7. Has someone you know ever forgotten something important, like their keys or their phone? Tell your group what happened.
8. Has someone you know ever forgotten an important date, like a birthday or an anniversary? Tell your group what happened.
9. Have you ever forgotten an important date, like a birthday or an anniversary? Tell your group what happened.
10. Have you ever forgotten something important, like your keys or your phone? Tell your group what happened.
11. Have you ever walked into a room and forgotten why you went there?
12. If you could edit your memories, which ones would you erase and why? Which ones would you make clearer and more vivid?
13. Many people find that a certain sound or smell brings back a childhood memory very strongly (such as the smell of a food that your mother often cooked when you were young).
14. Memories make the man. What do you think this means? Give examples.
15. Those who forget the past will repeat it. What do you think this means? Give examples.
16. What's your earliest memory? When was it? Describe it in detail.
17. What's your most vivid (clear or sharp) memory? When was it? Describe it in detail.
18. Who do you know who has the best memory? Tell your group about them.
19. Who do you know who has the worst memory? Tell your group about them.
20. Would you like to have a perfect memory? Why or why not? How would it change your life?

### Your QUESTIONS

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# PHYSICS

1. Are you interested in physics?
2. Do all physics professors need messy hair and a beard?
3. How is your country at physics?
4. Is physics important?
5. The famous physicist Stephen Hawking said: My goal is simple. It is a complete understanding of the universe,
6. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'physics'?
7. What did you like most and least about physics?
8. What do you know about Nobel Prize winners in physics?
9. What do you know about physics that you could teach a child?
10. What do you know about the different branches of physics; e.g. quantum physics, applied physics, nuclear physics, particle physics, etc?
11. What do you know about the laws of physics?
12. What is physics?
13. What is the greatest ever discovery in physics and what will the next one be?
14. What physics formulae do you know? Do you understand them?
15. What question would you like to ask a physicist?
16. What use is physics in our world?
17. Who was the greatest physicist ever?
18. Why do you think people like physics?
19. why it is as it is and why it exists at all." What do you think of this?
20. Will you become rich if you have a physics degree?
21. Would you like to do physics experiments?

## Your QUESTIONS

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- 2.

# SCHOOL

1. Are you allowed to eat in the classrooms?
2. Are you allowed to smoke in the classrooms?
3. Did you belong to any clubs in high school?
4. Did you go to a public high school or a private one?
5. Did you have to wear a uniform in high school? How about elementary school?
6. Did you study art in high school?
7. Do most of your teachers take attendance?
8. Do some of your teachers let class out early?
9. Do you carry a dictionary to your English classes? How about your other classes?
10. Do you enjoy studying English? (...math, science, ...)
11. Do you still keep in touch with your best friend in elementary school?
12. Have you ever been late for class? If so, why? When was the last time? Did the teacher get angry?
13. Have you ever failed a class? (Maybe this is not polite to ask.)
14. Have you ever slept in class?
15. How do you get to school?
16. How long does it take you to get to school?
17. How many times have you been absent from school this year?
18. How much homework do you do every day?

19. Were you on any sports teams in high school?
20. What classes do you not like? Why don't you like them?
21. What did you like best about high school?
22. What do you like best about your school?
23. What do you like the least about your school?
24. What do you think about your English class?
25. What do you want to do after you graduate?
26. What school did you graduate from? What high school? What junior high school?
27. What time does your first class begin on Tuesday?
28. What was the name of your junior high school?
29. What's your favorite subject? Why do you like it? Who is the teacher? How many times a week does the class meet?
30. Which subjects are you good at? (What are your strong subjects?)
31. Which subjects are you poor at? (Which subjects are difficult for you?)
32. Who is your favorite teacher? What course does he or she teach? Why do you like him or her?
33. What are the major characteristics you think a teacher should have?
34. Do you have to wear a uniform to your school? (Did you have to....) Do you like wearing a uniform?
35. Tell us about your favorite teacher. Why do you like him/her? Explain.

#### **YOUR QUESTIONS**

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- 2.

#### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What do you think are the three most important or interesting inventions since 1850? How about since 1950?
2. Do you think people should be allowed to clone people or organs of people? Why?
3. What do you think about GMO (genetically modified organisms) vegetables? Is it better to use natural food although it might not produce as much or should we use GMO crops?
4. What do you think about GMO farm animals? Would you eat chicken from a GMO chicken?
5. Do you think using cell phones too much is bad for our physical or mental health? Why?
6. If you could copy your brain for future generations, would you?
7. What changes have social changes have cell phones made?
8. What are good and bad points of using computers?
9. Do you think modern technology reduces or increases stress? Why?
10. Do you think money should be spent to explore space or is it better spent helping people on earth? Why?
11. What is your opinion about children playing violent videogames or computer programs?
12. Have you used a chat site? Have you ever used voice chat? What do you think about it?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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- 2.

## SCIENCE QUESTIONS

1. What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'science'?
2. How important is science?
3. Is science always good?
4. Do you always trust science?
5. Were you good at science at school?
6. What science projects or experiments did you like at school?
7. Would you donate your body to science after you die?
8. Why is science becoming less and less popular in schools?
9. What kind of people love science?
10. Do you like science?
11. What were your science teachers like?
12. What has science done for humankind?
13. What will science uncover in the next few decades?
14. What questions will science never answer?
15. Do science and religion fit well together?
16. What will the next big discovery in science be?
17. Would you want your children to study science, management or law?
18. The Japanese anime character Ikari Gendo said: "Science is the power of Man." What does this mean? Do you agree?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

## TEACHING

1. Are all your teachers good at teaching their subject?
2. Do you prefer mayonnaise or salad dressing on salads?
3. Do you think a career in teaching will make you rich?
4. Do you think schools do a good job of teaching children?
5. Do you think teachers know everything about their subject?
6. Do you think teaching at elementary school, high school, or university would be best?
7. Do you think teaching is easy?
8. Do you think technology is a good teaching tool?
9. How will teaching change in the future?
10. Is teaching dangerous in schools in your country?
11. Is teaching or learning the most important activity in the classroom?
12. What are you good at teaching people?
13. What do you think are the good and bad things about teaching?
14. What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'teaching'?
15. What is the best way of teaching English/Maths/...?
16. What skills do teachers need?
17. What teaching materials do you want your teachers to use?
18. Who is/was your favourite teacher and why?

## WEATHER

1. Are there any special traditions associated with different season in your country?
2. Do you have many disasters in your country which are caused by weather?
3. Do you have snow in your country? (Do you have hail?)
4. Do you think that in recent years we are losing our four distinct seasons?
5. Do you think weather affects the way people feel?
6. Have you ever been caught in bad weather? If so, what did you do?
7. Have you ever been stranded in a snowstorm? What did you do?
8. Have you ever checked the weather for your city on the Internet?
9. How can extreme weather conditions affect the economy and social life in countries?
10. How does weather affect your attitude? How does weather affect your lifestyle?
11. How do you depend on the weather reports on TV?
12. In your opinion, which season is the most beautiful?
13. What crops are produced in which seasons in your country?
14. What is the best season to get married? Can you think of other activities in which one season may be better than another?
15. What is the relationship between weather and natural disasters?
16. What is the weather like in your country for each season?
17. What month gets the most rain in your country? What month gets the most rain around here?)
18. What time of year is the best weather where you live?
19. What's the average temperature in your country in the summer time? How about in the winter?
20. When would knowing tomorrow's weather change your plans?
21. Where do you get your weather information?
22. Which do you like better hot weather or cold weather? Which season is the most comfortable for you?
23. Why do you think spring (or another season) is the most beautiful season?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

## WEDDINGS

1. Can you tell me about the wedding traditions in your country?
2. Describe the wedding you've been to or heard about.
3. Do you think it is important to get married before moving in with your boyfriend\girlfriend?
4. Do you think parents should be married or it is not important?
5. Have you heard of some unusual gifts given to a couple?
6. How much does it cost to organize a wedding ceremony? What are the main expense items?
7. What is the best age for a man or woman to get married?
8. What is the divorce rate in your country?
9. What is your attitude toward a church wedding ceremony? Do you think it is necessary?
10. What is your attitude toward marriage?
11. What positive or negative changes take place in the life of a couple after marriage?
12. Who got married? What was the program of the day? What were your impressions of that wedding?

## YOUR QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

## WHAT IF

1. If one song were to describe your life, what song would it be?
2. If only one book existed, which book would you like it to be?
3. If a child's underwear was showing, would you tell them?
4. If the whole world were listening, what would you say?
5. If you bumped your car into another car, but nobody saw you do it, would you leave your name and address?
6. If you could be a bird, what would you choose to be?
7. If you could be a plant, what would you choose to be?
8. If you could be a super-hero, which one would you be?
9. If you could be an animal, any animal, what animal would you be and why?
10. If you could be another man or woman for a day, who would you choose and why?
11. If you could be another person for a day, who would you be?
12. If you could be famous (a household name), what would you like to be famous for?
13. If you could be invisible for a day what would you do and why?
14. If you could be married with a foreign (man/woman), how do you think your life would change?
15. If you could change one thing about your spouse or significant other, what would it be?
16. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
17. If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?
18. If you could change one thing that you did that was bad, perhaps a crime or some wrong you did to another person, what would it be?
19. If you could choose how you were going to die, what would you choose your death to be?
20. If you could choose to live on a different planet, which one would you choose?
21. If you could commit any crime and get away with it, what would you do?
22. If you could date a celebrity, who would you choose?
23. If you could do any job, what would you like to do?
24. If you could go back to any moment in history, where would you go?
25. If you could have a free chip put in your brain so that you would automatically be able to speak and understand another language besides English, which language would it be and why?
26. If you could have any car you wanted, which car would you choose? Would it be practical or flashy?
27. If you could have only one food for the rest of your life (assuming that this strange situation would not affect your health), which food would you choose?
28. If you could hear what someone is thinking for a day, who would you choose?
29. If you could live anywhere, where would you live?
30. If you could live forever on earth as it is now, would you? Why or why not?
31. If you could meet any famous person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
32. If you could move anywhere, where would you like to live?
33. If you could solve the problem of hunger in the third world or repair the ozone, which would you do?
34. If you could speak any other language (besides English) which language would you like to speak?
35. If you could spend a day with any celebrity, who would it be and what questions would you ask that person?
36. If you could travel back in time, where would you go?
37. If you discovered a new island, what would you name it and why?
38. If you found a suitcase full of \$1,000,000, what would you do?
39. If you found a wallet with £1,000 in it, what would you do?
40. If you got into traffic accident, what would you do at first?
41. If you had 25-hour days (while everyone else continued to have 24-hour days), what would you do with the extra time?

42. If you had an accident and you had to be at home to recover for a long time, what would you do to relieve the boredom?
43. If you had one wish, what would it be?
44. If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?
45. If you had the opportunity to be different, what would you change?
46. If you had time machine and you could be transported to any time, the past or the future. What time would you choose?
47. If you had time machine, where would you go and why?
48. If you had to choose between a wonderful romantic relationship that would end after only a year, or a so-so relationship that would last your entire life, which one would you choose?
49. If you saw a robbery, would you report it?
50. If you saw someone in public with toilet paper stuck to their shoe, would you tell them?
51. If you saw your zipper was down and people had noticed, what would you do?
52. If you speak two languages and your spouse (husband or wife) speaks only one, will you raise your children to be bilingual?
53. If you were a color, what color would you be and why?
54. If you were a fruit, what fruit would you be and why?
55. If you were a monster, what monster would you be?
56. If you were a toy, what toy would you be?
57. If you were American/Chinese/Mexican, how would your life be different?
58. If you were asked to choose which time you would like to live in, which century would you choose?
59. If you were asked to speak to a graduating class, what would you say?
60. If you were down on your luck, would you seek the advice of a palm reader,
61. If you were given a chance to go to the moon, would you go? Why or why not?
62. If you were given a choice between being given great wisdom or great wealth, which would you choose?
63. If you were given an opportunity to be born again, in which country would you like to be born?
64. If you were given an opportunity to be born again, what kind of person would you choose to be?
65. If you were given one million dollars, what would you buy?
66. If you were given the opportunity to be born again, how would you change how you lived?
67. If you were given three wishes, what would you wish for?
68. If you were going to a deserted island and could only take three things with you, what would you take? Why?
69. If you were the leader of your country, what would you change?
70. If you were the President of your country for a day, what would you do?
71. If you were the President, what problem or concern would you work on first?
72. If you were to be stranded on an island, which 3 things would you bring with you?
73. If you were told that you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today?
74. If you were walking through the forest and you suddenly saw a tiger, what would you do?
75. If you woke up suddenly because your house was on fire, which three things would you save as you ran outside?
76. If your friend could not have a child, would you carry her child for her?
77. If your partner were offered a job in another part of the country, which was well paid, would you be willing to change places?
78. What if you have to sacrifice yourself for the sake of saving your mother? What would you do?

**Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **WHAT WOULD YOU DO...?**

- 1.** What would you like to do in the future?
- 2.** What would you do if you were rich?
- 3.** What would you do if you were poor?
- 4.** What would you do if you were the principal of your school?
- 5.** What would you do if you could suddenly speak English?
- 6.** What would you do if you won a lottery?
- 7.** What would you do if you were told you had one month to live?
- 8.** What would you do if you lost your passport?
- 9.** What would you do if you were kidnapped?
- 10.** What would you choose to have written on your gravestone when you die?

### **Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.**
- 2.**

## **WHEN DID YOU FIRST...?**

- 1.** When did you first drive a car?
- 2.** When did you first eat raw fish?
- 3.** When did you first give a speech?
- 4.** When did you first go on a date?
- 5.** When did you first go on holiday without your parents?
- 6.** When did you first have a car accident?
- 7.** When did you first have a part-time job?
- 8.** When did you first ride a bicycle?
- 9.** When did you first shoot a gun?
- 10.** When did you first travel to another country?

### **Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.**
- 2.**

## **WHEN WAS THE LAST...?**

- 1.** When was the last time you argued with your parents?
- 2.** When was the last time you bought a CD?
- 3.** When was the last time you cleaned your room?
- 4.** When was the last time you danced?
- 5.** When was the last time you dialed the wrong number?
- 6.** When was the last time you did your homework?
- 7.** When was the last time you drank coffee?
- 8.** When was the last time you drove for more than two hours?
- 9.** When was the last time you fell?
- 10.** When was the last time you felt really happy?
- 11.** When was the last time you forgot where something important was?
- 12.** When was the last time you got a gift?
- 13.** When was the last time you had a headache?
- 14.** When was the last time you had a nightmare?

- 15.** When was the last time you had a party?
- 16.** When was the last time you had your hair cut?
- 17.** When was the last time you killed a cockroach?
- 18.** When was the last time you lent money to someone?
- 19.** When was the last time you lost money?
- 20.** When was the last time you painted your house?
- 21.** When was the last time you played a sport?
- 22.** When was the last time you saw a very interesting movie?
- 23.** When was the last time you screamed because you were scared?
- 24.** When was the last time you studied until late at night?
- 25.** When was the last time you swam?
- 26.** When was the last time you talked to an old friend?
- 27.** When was the last time you told a joke?
- 28.** When was the last time you travel by train?
- 29.** When was the last time you visited your hometown?
- 30.** When was the last time you wanted to forget about the world?
- 31.** When was the last time you watched a soccer match?
- 32.** When was the last time you went shopping?
- 33.** When was the last time you went to a good restaurant?

**Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.**
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## **WHO IS THE GREATEST...?**

- 1.** What is the greatest all-time movie?
- 2.** What is the greatest movie from the past year?
- 3.** Where is the greatest place to play in the world?
- 4.** Where is the greatest place to play in your city?
- 5.** Who is the all-time greatest athlete in world?
- 6.** Who is the greatest actor?
- 7.** Who is the greatest actress?
- 8.** Who is the greatest basketball player?
- 9.** Who is the greatest businessman in the world?
- 10.** Who is the greatest cook you know?
- 11.** Who is the greatest country leader today?
- 12.** Who is the greatest football player?
- 13.** Who is the greatest leader in the past?
- 14.** Who is the greatest pop singer?
- 15.** Who is the nicest person in the world?

**Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.**
- 2.**

## **WISHES**

1. Do you have any strange wishes? Explain.
2. Do you really want all your wishes to come true?
3. Have you ever had a wish come true? Was it what you always wanted?
4. How have your wishes changed since you were young?
5. If you have a wish but your family doesn't agree with you, what should you do?
6. What are three wishes you have for your life? If you could choose only one of these to come true, which would it be and why? What would be some positive and negative consequences (results) if each of these wishes came true?
7. What are you thankful for?
8. What in your life would you not change?
9. What other wishes do you have for yourself?
10. What wishes do you have for your country? For your family members? For your classmates? For your roommates?
11. What wishes do you have for your country? For your family members? For your classmates? For your roommates?
12. What wishes do your parents have for you? Are they the same?
13. What would be one thing you hope your spouse remembers most about you if you were to die before him/her?
14. What would be one thing you would wish for your spouse?
15. When you were young, how did you answer this question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"
16. Who are you thankful for?
17. Why are wishes very important to people?
18. Why do we wish for things we don't have?

### **Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## **WHAT IF**

1. If a classmate asked you for the answer to a question during an exam while the teacher was not looking, what would you do?
2. If one song were to describe your life, what song would it be?
3. If only one book existed, which book would you like it to be?
4. If the whole world were listening, what would you say?
5. If you bumped your car into another car, but nobody saw you do it, would you leave your name and address?
6. If you could ask an All-Knowing Being one question about life, what would it be?
7. If you could be a bird, what would you choose to be?
8. If you could be a crayon, what color and why?
9. If you could be a plant, what would you choose to be?
10. If you could be a super-hero, which one would you be?
11. If you could be an animal, any animal, what animal would you be and why?
12. If you could be another man or woman for a day, who would you choose and why?
13. If you could be another person for a day, who would you be?
14. If you could be famous (a household name), what would you like to be famous for?
15. If you could be invisible for a day what would you do and why?
16. If you could be married with a foreign (man/woman), how do you think your life would change?
17. If you could change one thing about your spouse or significant other, what would it be?

18. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
19. If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?
20. If you could change one thing that you did that was bad, perhaps a crime or some wrong you did to another person, what would it be?
21. If you could choose how you were going to die, what would you choose your death to be?
22. If you could choose to live on a different planet, which one would you choose?
23. If you could commit any crime and get away with it, what would you do?
24. If you could do any job, what would you like to do?
25. If you could go back to any moment in history, where would you go?
26. If you could have a free chip put in your brain so that you would automatically be able to speak and understand another language besides English, which language would it be and why?
27. If you could have any car you wanted, which car would you choose? Would it be practical or flashy?
28. If you could have dinner with anyone (dead OR alive), who would you choose, and why?
29. If you could have only one food for the rest of your life (assuming that this strange situation would not affect your health), which food would you choose?
30. If you could hear what someone is thinking for a day, who would you choose?
31. If you could live anywhere, where would you live?
32. If you could live forever on earth as it is now, would you? Why or why not?
33. If you could live perfectly well without sleeping, if you had no need to sleep at all, how would you spend all your nights?
34. If you could meet any famous person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
35. If you could move anywhere, where would you like to live?
36. If you could not differentiate beautiful from ugly, how would choose your spouse? (Perhaps not an appropriate question, but it was submitted.)
37. If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, which song would you choose?
38. If you could receive praise from a person, what person would it be? What kind of praise would you like to receive?
39. If you could solve the problem of hunger in the third world or repair the ozone, which would you do?
40. If you could speak any other language (besides English) which language would you like to speak?
41. If you could spend a day with any celebrity, who would it be and what questions would you ask that person?
42. If you could stop a bad habit that you have, what would you stop?
43. If you could travel back in time, where would you go?
44. If you didn't have enough money to get the bus home what would you do?
45. If you discovered a new island, what would you name it and why?
46. If you got arrested for murder, whom would you call with your telephone call from prison? And why?
47. If you got into traffic accident, what would you do at first?
48. If you had an accident and you had to be at home to recover for a long time, what would you do to relieve the boredom?
49. If you had one wish, what would it be?
50. If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?
51. If you had the opportunity to be different, what would you change?
52. If you had time machine and you could be transported to any time, the past or the future. What time would you choose?
53. If you had time machine, where would you go and why?
54. If you had to choose, would you give up your sight or your hearing?
55. If you had to spend 100 days on a desert island, what five things would you take with you and why?
56. If you received lottery tickets as a gift at the office party, and you won \$30,000.00, would you share the winnings with the person that gave you the gift?

57. If you saw a robbery, would you report it?
58. If you saw someone in public with toilet paper stuck to their shoe, would you tell them?
59. If you saw your zipper was down and people had noticed, what would you do?
60. If you speak two languages and your spouse (husband or wife) speaks only one, will you raise your children to be bilingual?
61. If you were a candy, what candy would you be?
62. If you were a color, what color would you be and why?
63. If you were a fruit, what fruit would you be and why?
64. If you were a toy, what toy would you be?
65. If you were American/Chinese/Mexican, how would your life be different?
66. If you were asked to choose which time you would like to live in, which century would you choose?
67. If you were asked to speak to a graduating class, what would you say?
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72. If you were given one million dollars, what would you buy?
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74. If you were given three wishes, what would you wish for?
75. If you were going to a deserted island and could only take three things with you, what would you take? Why?
76. If you were on holiday and you lost your passport, would you know what to do?
77. If you were the President of your country for a day, what would you do?
78. If you were the President, what problem or concern would you work on first?
79. If you were to be stranded on an island, which 3 things would you bring with you?
80. If you were told that you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today?
81. If you were walking through the forest and you suddenly saw a tiger, what would you do?
82. If you woke up suddenly because your house was on fire, which three things would you save as you ran outside?
83. If you worked for a store and you saw another employee steal something, would you tell the manager?
84. If your car broke down on the motorway, what would you do? Would you try to fix it yourself?
85. If your friend could not have a child, would you carry her child for her?
86. What if you have to sacrifice yourself for the sake of saving your mother? What would you do?
87. What if your cell phone fell in the toilet, what would you do?  
What would you do if you found the wallet of your next-door neighbor who you hated?
88. What kinds of problems would you have if you had to always tell the truth?
89. You were told you had a terminal illness and had six months to live. What three things would be most important for you to do?
90. Your doctor has just told you that you have a month to live, what would you do in that stretch of time? If your doctor told you that you had only one month to live, how would you use the time left?

#### **Your QUESTIONS**

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# TENSES

## COMPARATIVES

1. Are people today luckier than they were 50 years ago?
2. Are video games better for you than watching TV?
3. Are you happier now or were you happier when you were younger?
4. Are you smarter than your parents? In what way(s)?
5. Do you think buying a more expensive brand means it is much better than a cheaper brand?
6. Does life get more complicated the older you become?
7. How much would you pay to have an Internet connection that is 100 times faster than the one you have now?
8. Is it better to go on a date with someone who is older or younger than you?
9. Is it better to study English in class or online?
10. Is studying comparatives easier or more difficult than studying superlatives?
11. Is there anything more delicious than your mother's cooking?
12. What is healthier: eating good food or getting lots of exercise?
13. What is worse than failing exams?
14. What things are you better at than your best friend?
15. What would you like to be better at than anyone else in the world? Why?
16. Which is more difficult to learn, English or your language?
17. Which is worse: a virus attacking your computer or a virus attacking your body?
18. Will tomorrow be more interesting than yesterday?
19. Would you like to be more beautiful / more handsome than you are now or more intelligent than now?

## SUPERLATIVES

1. Can you remember the most wonderful day of your life?
2. Do you like having the latest things and knowing the latest news?
3. Is it important for you to have the best quality of everything?
4. What do you think it would be like to be the most beautiful / handsome person in the world?
5. What is the hardest thing to understand about superlatives?
6. What is the saddest sight you've seen on television recently?
7. What is your worst nightmare?
8. What's the best country in the world? (and the second best and third best?)
9. What's the earliest you could get up every morning?
10. What's the funniest book you've ever read and the funniest movie you've ever seen?
11. What's the most difficult thing about studying English?
12. What's the most disgusting food you've ever eaten?
13. What's the most exciting video game you know?
14. What's the most stupid thing you've ever done, and the most stupid thing you've ever said to someone?
15. When is the most relaxing part of the day for you?
16. When was the happiest period of your life?
17. Who do you think is the most dangerous person in the world?
18. Who is the best?
19. Who is the nicest person you know?
20. Who's the craziest person you know?

## GOING TO FUTURE

1. Are you going to be rich and famous?
2. Are you going to live happily ever after?
3. Are you going to meet anyone at the weekend?
4. Are you going to play any video games later today?
5. Are you going to watch television tonight?
6. How are you going to get better at speaking English?
7. What are you going to do after this class?
8. What are you going to do after you finish studying?
9. What are you going to do on your next birthday?
10. What are you going to do with your life?
11. What are you going to have for lunch / dinner?
12. What book are you going to read next?
13. What hairstyle are you going to have next?
14. What mobile phone are you going to buy next?
15. What's the next big decision you're going to make?
16. When are you going to give up your bad habits?
17. When are you going to stop studying English?
18. Where are you going to go for your next holiday?
19. Where in the world are you going to travel?
20. Who are you going to text or send an e-mail to today?

## IF CLAUSE - FIRST CONDITIONAL

1. What will you do if you miss your family & friends?
2. What will you do if your neighbours annoy you?
3. What will you do if you feel lonely?
4. What will you do if you run out of food in your house?
5. What will you do if someone phones you during the English lesson?
6. What will you do if you have problems with the English language?
7. What will you do if you can't stand the heat?
8. What will you do if you don't enjoy life in your city?
9. What will you do if you want to move back to your home country?
10. What will you do if your friend invites you to the cinema tonight?
11. What will you do if you fall ill?
12. What will you do if your purse or wallet is stolen?
13. What will you do if you get a headache?
14. What will you do if you run out of money?
15. What will you do if you get bored?
16. What will you do if you split up with your partner?
17. What will you do if you don't like the food in your city?
18. What will you do if your neighbours annoy you?
19. What will you do if it rains at the weekend?
20. What will you do if you split up with your partner?

## IF CLAUSE - SECOND CONDITIONAL

1. If a natural disaster hit your town, what would you do?
2. If the world was going to end at 3.37 tomorrow afternoon, what would you do up until that time?
3. If you became a rock star, what kind of songs would you sing and what image would you have?
4. If you changed your name, what name would you choose?
5. If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be?
6. If you could change something about your past, what would you change?
7. If you could decide what happens in your life tomorrow, what would you want to happen?
8. If you could go on a date with anyone in the world, who would it be?
9. If you could make one change to the world, what would you do?
10. If you could speak three other languages. What would they be?
11. If you had a special power, what would you be able to do?
12. If you had billions and billions of dollars, how much would you give to charity, and which charities?
13. If you stopped studying English, would your life change?
14. If you told me all of your secrets, would I be shocked?
15. If you went back in time, what year would you go to?
16. If you were a colour, what colour would you be and why?
17. If you were an animal, what animal would you be?
18. If you were the world's best at something, what would you like to be best at?
19. What would you like to do if you were a member of the opposite sex for one day?
20. Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world?

## PRESENT PERFECT QUESTIONS

1. Have ever changed your name?
2. Have the police ever helped you? How?
3. Have you ever asked a woman when she was "due" and she wasn't even pregnant?
4. Have you ever been in a car accident?
5. Have you ever been in a fist fight?
6. Have you ever been pulled over by the police?
7. Have you ever been stopped by the police?
8. Have you ever been to a concert?
9. Have you ever been to a play? If so, when was the last time?
10. Have you ever been to a soccer game? (...a football match)
11. Have you ever been to a theatre? (...theater?)
12. Have you ever been to an orchestra concert?
13. Have you ever been to watch a professional game?
14. Have you ever bought something using the Internet
15. Have you ever broken a bone?
16. Have you ever broken down and been stranded on the side of the road? Who helped you?
17. Have you ever called a 'he' she or a 'she' a 'he'? What was the response?
18. Have you ever called a women sir or a Man "ma'am?"
19. Have you ever called your friend by the wrong name?
20. Have you ever cried in public and embarrassed yourself?
21. Have you ever dated someone from another race, culture or religion?
22. Have you ever done something silly in the middle of the road?
23. Have you ever driven a car in a foreign country?
24. Have you ever driven a sports car?
25. Have you ever eaten in a restaurant and realized you have no money with you?
26. Have you ever fallen asleep and forgotten where you were?

27. Have you ever fallen asleep while taking a bath?
28. Have you ever fallen down the stairs?
29. Have you ever forgotten your mother's birthday? ... father's ...
30. Have you ever found any money? If so, what did you do with it?
31. Have you ever given a false excuse to get out of something you didn't want to do?
32. Have you ever given a ring (or other jewelry) to your friend?
33. Have you ever given money to a homeless person?
34. Have you ever gone surfing?
35. Have you ever gone to greet a friend or family member then noticed it was someone else?
36. Have you ever had an accident?
37. Have you ever had any money stolen from you?
38. Have you ever known someone with an addiction?
39. Have you ever lived in another country?
40. Have you ever met a famous person?
41. Have you ever played a joke on one of your teachers?
42. Have you ever played tennis with your mother?
43. Have you ever raised your hand to answer a question, then forgot what you were going to say?
44. Have you ever read computer magazines?
45. Have you ever said yes when you meant no? If so, tell us about it.
46. Have you ever saved a piece of chewed chewing gum and started chewing it again later?
47. Have you ever seen \_\_\_\_? (Insert the name of a movie.)
48. Have you ever seen a female pilot? Why do you think that most pilots are men?
49. Have you ever seen the same movie more than once?
50. Have you ever seen the same movie more than once? If yes, name it (or them).
51. Have you ever sent an e-mail to your teacher?
52. Have you ever studied English using your computer?
53. Have you ever thought of something funny and started laughing out loud in the presence of others?
54. Have you ever tried to eat food without first spitting out your chewing gum?
55. Have you ever tried to lose weight?
56. Have you ever tried water skiing?
57. Have you ever used a prescription drug without a prescription?
58. Have you ever used a slot machine?
59. Have you ever worked on a farm?
60. How many cities have you lived in?

**Your QUESTIONS**

- 1.
- 2.

## HOW DO YOU...?

1. How do earn your living?
2. How do you cheer up a friend if he or she failed an important test?
3. How do you cheer up a friend if he or she is having a hard time finding a job after graduation?
4. How do you cheer up a friend if he or she is overwhelmed by how much he or she has to do?
5. How do you choose a name for your baby?
6. How do you climb a tree?
7. How do you control your anger?
8. How do you cram for an exam?
9. How do you do laundry?
10. How do you enjoy your holidays?
11. How do you fly a kite?
12. How do you get rid of a headache?
13. How do you give a speech?
14. How do you go to sleep?
15. How do you improve your pronunciation?
16. How do you improve your vocabulary?
17. How do you iron your clothes?
18. How do you judge a person?
19. How do you know if someone really loves you?
20. How do you learn a new language?
21. How do you lose weight?
22. How do you make a friend?
23. How do you make a sandwich?
24. How do you make coffee?
25. How do you make rice?
26. How do you make your house cooler?
27. How do you plant vegetables?
28. How do you play basketball?
29. How do you play hide-and-seek?
30. How do you play volleyball?
31. How do you prepare for a wedding?
32. How do you raise a child?
33. How do you reach your office?
34. How do you sell your house?
35. How do you send a text message from a cell phone?
36. How do you set the table for a meal?
37. How do you shave?
38. How do you start a computer?
39. How do you stop smoking?
40. How do you succeed in school?
41. How do you take care of a plant?
42. How do you thank your parents?
43. How do you tie your shoes?
44. How do you treat a cold?
45. How do you use a knife and fork?
46. How do you use the phone?

47. How do you wash a car?
48. How do you wash dishes?
49. How do you wash your clothes?
50. How would you teach English?

#### Your QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

### HOW OFTEN DO YOU....?

1. How often are you ill? Is this more or less often than your friends?
2. How often are you in trouble with someone? Who and why?
3. How often did you cry when you were younger? What were the main reasons?
4. How often did you get presents when you were a child?
5. How often do you change your mobile phone? Why?
6. How often do you check your e-mail?
7. How often do you think 'how often do I have to do this'? What is it you think about?
8. How often do you feel on top of the world? Is it a good feeling?
9. How often do you get angry with other people? Who are they?
10. How often do you like going shopping?
11. How often do you spoil yourself?
12. How often do you study English? How often should you study?
13. How often do you think about money? Is this good or bad?
14. How often do you think about the world's future? Are they good thoughts?
15. How often do you wish you had special powers? What are these powers?
16. How often do you wish you were somewhere else or someone else? Who and where?
17. How often do you worry about your hair and the way you look? Is it a problem for you?
18. How often is too often?
19. How often should you exercise? How often do you exercise?
20. How often will you study English in the future?

### WHAT'S IT LIKE?

1. What's it like being you?
2. What's it like being your age?
3. What's it like having the friends and family you have?
4. What's it like in the world you'd like to live in?
5. What's it like in your house for a special occasion?
6. What's it like in your idea of paradise?
7. What's it like in your secret world inside your head?
8. What's it like living in the 21st Century?
9. What's it like living in your town?
10. What's it like living on the money you have?
11. What's it like outside?
12. What's it like sitting here and doing this activity with me?
13. What's it like studying English?
14. What's it like to be a citizen of your country?
15. What's it like to be a man/woman today?
16. What's it like to be at your level of English?
17. What's it like to be intelligent and talented?
18. What's it like to be lucky?
19. What's it like to be your best friend?
20. What's it like to dream?

## WOULD YOU RATHER...?

1. Would you rather be a boy or a girl?
2. Would you rather be rich or poor?
3. Would you rather go to Istanbul or New York?
4. Would you rather have one long finger or 10 short fingers?
5. Would you rather live in an apartment building or a house?
6. Would you rather live in Europe or Asia?
7. Would you rather be short or tall?
8. Would you rather always have to say everything on your mind or never speak again?
9. Would you rather always lose or never play?
10. Would you rather be a deep sea diver or an astronaut?
11. Would you rather be a tree or live in a tree?
12. Would you rather be able to hear any conversation or take back anything you say?
13. Would you rather be able to read everyone's mind all the time or always know their future?
14. Would you rather go without television or junk food for the rest of your life?
15. Would you rather live without music or live without T.V.?
16. Would you rather have the details of your romantic life be made into a hit sit-com or have every one you meet know your personal finances?
17. Would you rather have a photographic memory or gain an extra 40 IQ points?
18. Would you rather have your first child when you are 19 years old or when you are 45 years old?
19. Would you rather have a photographic memory or be able to forget anything you wanted?
20. Would you rather be able to fly or turn invisible?
21. Would you rather go 30 days without refined sugar or 90 days without caffeine?
22. Would you rather have a home with a great living room or a great back yard?
23. Would you rather spend one month living without using any money or spend 3 months in a wheelchair?
24. Would you rather have an ordinary home in an extraordinary location or an extraordinary home in an ordinary location?
25. Would you rather be able to lie without being caught or always be able to tell when someone is lying?
26. Would you rather have an extra hour every day or have \$40 given to you free and clear every day?
27. Would you rather have an extra finger or lose a finger?
28. Would you rather write a best-selling novel or be an expert at picking stocks?
29. Would you rather have an ugly scare across your face or lose 15 points of intelligence?
30. Would you rather spend the next week sleeping more than 12 hours per night or less than 4 hours per night?
31. Would you rather have someone bring you breakfast in bed tomorrow morning or be able to sleep in as late as you want?

### Your QUESTIONS

- 1.
- 2.

# QUESTIONS TO WRITE OR TALK ABOUT

1. Do you keep a diary or journal?
2. Would you like to take a class online?
3. Do you participate in class?
4. What motivates you?
5. What role does television play in your life and the life of your family?
6. Why do you write?
7. How do you use facebook?
8. What journey do you most want to make?
9. What are you afraid of?
10. What have you made yourself?
11. Do you trust your government?
12. What are your favorite cartoons?
13. Who is your role model?
14. Does pop culture deserve serious study?
15. Do you have good manners?
16. What do you read, and how do you read it?
17. Which is more important: talent or hard work?
18. Do your parents support your learning?
19. What are you grateful for?
20. What are you good at?
21. When in your life have you been a leader?
22. Are we losing the art of listening?
23. Do you discuss religion with friends?
24. Have you ever interacted with the police?
25. Do your teachers use technology well?
26. What is your favorite place?
27. What are the best movies you saw in 2011?
28. What story does your personal data tell?
29. Do you eat too quickly?
30. Who inspires you?
31. How much information is 'too much information'?
32. What are your favorite young adult novels?
33. What have you done to earn money?
34. What questions do you have about how the world works?
35. What are your favorite junk foods?
36. How well do you think standardized tests measure your abilities?
37. How important is it to have a driver's license?
38. How productive and organized are you?
39. Do you want to write a book?
40. How do you archive your life?
41. What things did you create when you were a child?
42. When did you last have a great conversation?
43. Why do you share photos?
44. What leader would you invite to speak at your school?
45. What have you and your family accomplished together?
46. How necessary is a college education?
47. How important is keeping your cool?
48. What teacher do you appreciate?
49. Is TV stronger than ever, or becoming obsolete?

50. What's on your summer reading list?
51. What's your comfort food?
52. When do you become an adult?
53. How close are you to your parents?
54. What advice would you give to somebody who just started dating?
55. Do you have a job?

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## What Motivates You?

By **SHANNON DOYNE**

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### Student Opinion

Questions about issues in the news for students 13 and older.

*Peggy Payne, at age 62, is “still stewing” over not being chosen to spend the summer studying at the Governor’s School of North Carolina—in 1965. However, Ms. Payne credits this early rejection with helping her successful writing career. Have you ever had a disappointment or setback that fueled later success? How common do you think it is to respond to failure not with discouragement but a renewed “I’ll show ‘em” spirit?*

In the Preoccupations column “How Insults Spur Success,” Ms. Payne describes her own experiences, but also cites others’ examples of defying negative predictions about their abilities:

“It makes such a difference in your life when somebody tells you ‘no’ and you have enough survival instinct,” says Terry Vance, a psychologist in Chapel Hill, N.C. “It spurs you.”

As a college student, she says, she took psychological testing that supposedly indicated that she was too anxious for grad school. She proved those results wrong by getting her doctorate in psychology, and she has practiced ever since.

Her husband, Robert Vance, says he got a “devastating” F on his first philosophy paper at Kenyon College. “I certainly wanted to prove to myself I could do A-caliber work” in that field, he recalls. He landed on the philosophy faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, teaching there for 35 years.

People tell these stories with evident relish. I’m not the only one wresting some success out of searing insult. When Jeanette Stokes — head of the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South, a nonprofit organization—spent a year at Amherst through a college exchange program, she says she told a professor that she was applying for a summer internship. She recalls that this man, an acquaintance, told her that she wouldn’t get it because she wasn’t good enough.

Turns out that she got it. She says: “I have been trying to prove that guy wrong my whole adult life.”

**Lindsey B** October 24, 2011 · 8:40 am

I'm the type of person who doesn't really need other people to motivate me. I can motivate myself to succeed at life and the things in it. It's not in my nature to fail; I like to succeed especially when it comes to cross country or track. Every time I have a workout, or even if it's the off season, I'm still giving it my all every time I'm out there running simply because I have one thought in the back of my mind-to succeed. At the beginning of a season I set high goals for myself, and work hard to achieve them for my own personal satisfaction and a nice running scholarship one day. My parents or anyone has never really told me to go out and do my workout; I have enough motivation to succeed to do this on my own. In one race this year, my biggest competition from Manistee was running with me for the first two miles of a five kilometer race. Her coach was telling her "If you can beat a state champion, you can beat her too!" This was supposed to discourage me, and make her more confident, but I was determined to prove him wrong, and his words helped me. I picked up my pace, and in the end I actually ended up running my best time ever and beating her by nineteen seconds.

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**Alex C** October 24, 2011 · 8:41 am

My take on drug testing is that it should not be done. It would most likely reveal a lot about the students in your school. Maybe athletes should be, but to test everyone is a little far. You would have a lot of arguments from parents that don't want to test their kids. People would probably drop out of school, too.

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**Elise B** October 25, 2011 · 9:42 am

Applying to college is the hardest and scariest thing that I have personally ever done. The thought of one simple application, an essay and everything I have and have not done over the past eighteen years is to decide the rest of my life. I finally had the guts to apply to a college, my choice, Illinois State University. As I read through the requirements to turn in an application, an essay was on the list. I had a choice of 3 topics; I chose the topic of "why I feel Illinois State University is a good fit for my educational goals". I worked on this essay for 5 hours; I just sat there and typed the five hundred word essay without removing my butt from the chair. As I wrapped up my essay I wanted to have my friends look it over, one of the people I sent it to was my friend Emily, she looked at it and an hour later she sent back a whole different essay. It didn't sound like me, so I threw her essay away. As I confronted her in school the next day she stated that my essay was horrible and I'm not getting into college. I was furious that she would say that to someone especially her friend. I am currently awaiting a response from ISU, but I will prove her wrong!

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**Kristina B, Halls class** October 25, 2011 · 11:12 am

Failure motivates me. I have watched people fail all of my life and it hurts to see them struggle like they do these days. So I except the bad and the good so that I can push myself to be a better person. If I become a better person I can help the people who gave up in life, so I don't have to see them in such pain.

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**sharif the HERO :P** October 27, 2011 · 2:28 pm

music, video games, power, gets me fired up the most i would listen to music while im playing basketball. Play video games when im EXTREMELY fatigued, or bored... i need POWER to pull me along these days...

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**justice** October 31, 2011 · 10:26 am

one year in school band class i was the only female drummer. it put a lot of pressure on me to be better at it. i was teased and told i wasn't as good as the other boys, but that only made me want to make sure they knew that it didn't matter what gender i was. i was determined to get respect for what i could do, and in the end i did.

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**Matthew L** November 11, 2011 · 2:14 pm

When i people tell me that i can't do something that motivates me to try harder and challange myself.In school i give my all effort so that i can stay focus and learn. My family motivates me to do my best and follow the career i want to be in.

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**JR** March 28, 2012 · 5:38 am

started playing basketball when I was in 10th grade, I didn't really like playing basketball, I had never played on a team before. In between by 8th and 10th grade year I grew from being 5'10" to 6'6". So even though I didn't really like playing basketball, once the basketball coaches saw me on campus, they worked non-stop to convince be to come out for the team. The school team was terrible that year, and I was one of the worst players on the team, I was not very coordinated and I felt like I couldn't do anything right. The older more experienced players were really hard on me and teased me a lot, the fans at games would make fun of me too. The whole situation was very discouraging, it really bothered me and I swore to myself that I would be better the next year, I did not want to be embarrassed again. I worked hard in the off season, I played all the time all over the city, and went to camps in the summer. By the end of my high school career I was the league's most valuable player, an All-State player, and our team went to the State Semi-Finals.

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**Jihad** April 1, 2012 · 2:09 am

Throughout my life I've had one big motivation, which was in my first taekwondo match. I was playing another person and had gotten knocked out. I took hard on myself as many people had told me to quit playing. But I took it as a motivation to be the best as I can be. After that I began to progress much better then I previously ones and became one of the top players in Egypt.

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**Maryam Adly** April 1, 2012 · 2:34 pm

Thomas Edsion was one of the people who was told he won't be able to succeed in inventing the light bulb several times. He kept on failing throughout the years as he tried and he ruined his house a lot and it took him several years in order to reach his goal. After 999 trials, he was finally able to get his light bulb to work and produce light. This just motivates people to never give up and know that each time you fail, is a step closer to your success

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**Selim** April 1, 2012 · 2:47 pm

A real life example I heard of of someone who was motivated and worked hard and achieved what he wanted in the end was my Business and Management teacher Mr. Robinson. He's currently a very great basketball player, coaches basketball in my school, was 2 times best payer of the season in college, his team was a successful one, and he was the best player in the team in college. Before all that, he couldn't play very well, he was one of the bad players in the team, people would sometimes mock him as he's tall but not a good player. Even though he was

criticized that much, his failure in the aport motivated him to be better.. He worked hard, trained hard all the time, did his best, made his skills better, and in the end achieved what he wanted. Now he's tall AND and a good basketball player. That's motivation right there, guys.

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**Kevin** June 18, 2012 · 9:50 am

I'm am a self motivator. Whenever I feel like something is not finished or needs to be done I work. Also, if someone thinks my work is bad that motivates me to work harder.

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**Lyndsie** June 18, 2012 · 10:02 am

My family and friends because they mean a lot to me and they always cheer me on at my best and at my worst they are the people I could count on for anything ❤

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**Montanna** October 12, 2012 · 3:09 pm

Motivation is what I need to perform my best at home, school, work, and most importantly, in basketball. Music is my number one motivation, particularly rap and hip hop music. When I listen to music, I get a feeling of achievement. Music makes me want to work and get things done quickly and in a good, neat way. When my basketball team warms up with music, I get a feeling of wanting to win and play at my best. People telling me I did well and pushing me to do well also motivates me. It makes me want to impress others and continue to do my best and try my hardest. My basketball coach complimented me on my performance once and I continued to do good because of the motivation she gave me. Rewarding me with money or new accessories will also motivate me. If someone tells me that they will give me cash or anything new if I do my best , it will make me work harder and motivate me to do well and try to do well. My grandfather once told me that if I got A/B Honor roll he would give me fifty dollars. I started working a lot harder, studying more and turning my work in on time because he motivated me with the cash reward.

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**Erica** November 30, 2012 · 1:58 pm

I personally feel that all these stories are really inspiring. Props to everyone who proved someone wrong by staying dedicated and achieving their dreams. I never experienced being put down by someone because everyone that knows me always does their best to encourage me to move forward. I think that in order for you to prove someone wrong you have to be dedicated,motivated, and have confidence in yourself to do well no matter what others say.

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**haley** December 12, 2013 · 12:57 pm

Not teachers, That's for sure, nowadays they do the exact opposite. Usually my friends, or family.

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**Ashley** March 12, 2014 · 3:05 pm

Motivation can be brought up with childhood experiences. Winning competitions and compliments can keep you motivated. I wasn't always a motivated child. I used to get bullied; I never wanted to do anything with myself in fear of being insulted. As I grew older, I began to ignore the hateful peers around me and focus on the good ones. When children grow older, they mature and avoid the evil in the world. Surrounding yourself will help you create a happier and better personality. As

I've learned, those who don't understand your situation don't know your story; they just know a name.

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**Carl S.** May 14, 2014 · 12:31 pm

I believe that motivation is something that has to be found within. This being said the thing that motivates me is the pursuit of wealth. I don't know what created my obsession with money but I enjoy luxuries and pursue them. Wealth is what makes me happy, I always feel peaceful when I am in a place of luxury. This motivation is what motivates me the motivation to be wealthy. It is also used as a tool for motivation, because when I choose to do something or stop being lazy I think to my self what would mark cuban do, or what would so and so do. I look to these people as role models and look to them in order to decide what I want to do. This motivation is for the pursuit of a reward and that reward is wealth. It is the pursuit of peace as the most enjoyable and peaceful times have been surrounded in luxury. It might seem strange but I am motivated by the wants of others, when I see something that someone else has or wants I am motivated to earn it and gain what ever that may be. Often I am motivated to please others it brings me joy when others are satisfied with my actions. I am motivated to please others and my self because I believe also what goes around comes around and the idea of karma so if I am able to make others happy happiness will come to me. This wanting to please others is motivated by the idea that eventually I will be satisfied.

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**chris** October 23, 2014 · 3:50 pm

aww, werent all these thoughts just soo cute, some you can tell are younger kids trying to show off, like the supposed top "fighter" i suppose be meant, instead of player, didnt think you played karate, unless in egypt its a big game to them.

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**Elsa** October 26, 2014 · 5:32 pm

Resilience and good-hearted people. (This is going to get a bit personal): As for resilience, it is very precious to me because it is the only reason I am alive today. Yes, I was made fun of, and for that I was depressed, self-harming, and suicidal. However, what saved me from going any deeper was a noose that broke, family, and friends. I am no longer constantly depressed, nor am I failing school (of course, I was before). I was resilient because I never got out another noose after that. Good-hearted people, on the other hand, are what I idolize. Being good-hearted (in general), to me, is doing something for someone you don't know. This is important because you always have to keep in mind how other people who do know that someone/something will react to an act of kindness. If you saw someone drop a credit card, you aren't as likely to pick it up and return it to someone else as you are to take it or leave it. That right there is what makes returning it to the person/trying your best to return it so special and notable.

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**Justin C** November 3, 2014 · 10:21 am

I'm the type of person who motivate myself and others to succeed at life and things from it.

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# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. What's the longest railway tunnel of the world?
2. What does UFO stand for?
3. What is the deepest Ocean trench?
4. What letter is silent in the word "handsome"?
5. How can you write the phrase "tulips" so that it has a different meaning but sounds the same?
6. Who climbs mountains?
7. What does EC stand for?
8. What's the opposite of "deep"?
9. Where is the smallest bone in the body?
10. Which is the only mammal that can't jump?
11. What's another word for "fix"?
12. The word "funny" means both "amusing" and...
13. What are the things that wipe the rain off the front window of a car?
14. Who was the main actor in "Matrix"?
15. Who checks and balances the financial books?
16. Start this common idiom: "...do as the Romans do."
17. What is a Muslim temple called?
18. What is a Christian temple called?
19. What are the things you tie on your shoes?
20. What does UN stand for?
21. Start this common idiom: "...is worth two in the bush."
22. What's the opposite of "wide"?
23. How do you say "not happy" in one word?
24. What are the 7 wonders of the ancient world?
25. What's the most commonly used letter of the alphabet?
26. What is the outside of an egg called?
27. Who was the first man in space?
28. What is an electric machine for cleaning carpets called?
29. How many ways can you say the number "0"?
30. What's the short form of "until"?
31. Which is the biggest ocean?
32. What does the abbreviation "misc." stand for?
33. What's the longest bridge of the world?
34. How do you call the player that guards the goal in soccer?
35. What letter is silent in the word "comb"?
36. Who was the main actor in "Gladiator"?
37. What's the world's tallest building?
38. What letter is silent in the word "autumn"?
39. What did the Montgolfier brothers invent?
40. Who were the first Europeans to visit Canada?
41. What's the most important book in the Moslem religion?
42. How do you say "not employed" in one word?
43. Which is the smallest ocean?
44. When did the first man go into space?
45. What is the full term for e-mail?
46. Where did the first atomic bomb used in war explode?
47. What's the opposite of innocent?
48. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

49. What does the boxing term KO stand for?

50. What is the capital of Australia?

51. How do you call your wife's brother?

52. Start this common idiom: "...shouldn't throw stones."

53. How do you call your sister's son?

54. What temperature does water boil at?

55. How do you say "not suitable" in one word?

56. Who discovered penicillin?

57. Who invented the airplane with motor?

58. What's the largest city in India?

59. End this common phrase: "See you later,..."

60. What is the largest lake of the world?

61. What did Joseph Priesley discover in 1774?

62. What letter is silent in the word "talk"?

63. How do you call your grandmother's sister?

64. What color is a crab's blood?

65. How do you call a person that takes care of animals at the zoo?

66. What's the capital of Brazil?

67. What's the most frequent final letter of words?

68. Start this common idiom: "...and his money are soon parted."

69. Who is the first president of the USA?

70. What word means "correct" as well as "the opposite of left"?

71. Who said, "I think, therefore I am"?

72. How do you say "not fair" in one word?

73. How can you write the phrase "a nice man" so that it has a different meaning but sounds the same?

74. What letter of the alphabet is the most common first letter of words?

75. What's the capital of Finland?

76. End this common saying: "What goes up must come..."

77. What is the yellow part of an egg called?

78. In which city is Hollywood?

79. What's the capital of Kenya?

80. Who wrote Julius Caesar, Macbeth and Hamlet?

81. Who has a red nose and makes children laugh at a circus?

82. Who invented the modern bicycle?

83. What's the smallest country in the world?

84. What's the capital of Denmark?

85. What's the most common pair of letters in words?

86. Which river goes through London?

87. What's the highest mountain in Africa?

88. End this common idiom: "As busy as..."

89. How do you say "not qualified" in one word?

90. How can you write the phrase "that stuff" so that it has a different meaning but sounds the same?

91. Who gave his name to the month of July?

92. What's the capital of Monaco?

93. How can you write the phrase "I scream" so that it has a different meaning but sounds the same?

94. Which is Britain's second largest city?

95. What's the capital of Canada?

96. What color is a panda bear?

97. How many words are there in the English language?

98. When did the First World War start?

99. What's the name of the famous clock in London?

100. What is the most crowded state in the USA?

101. Where does the American president live?

102. What is the first letter on a typewriter?

103. What is the top selling album of All-Time?

104. What are the three primary colors?

105. How many months have 31 days?

106. How many vowels are there in the English language?

107. What is 15 metres high, 8 metres wide and 240 kilometers long?

108. What's the highest mountain in the world?

109. What's the capital of Scotland?

110. Which country has the largest area: Australia, Brazil or India?

111. Who was the first man on the moon?

112. What is Turkey's biggest city?

113. When did the Second World War end?

114. What are Canada's official languages?

115. What's the fastest passenger plane in the world?

116. What are the Sun, the Independent and the Guardian?

117. How many players are there in a basketball team?

118. Which language is spoken by most people in the world?

119. How many squares are there on a chess board?

120. How many players are there in a volleyball team?

121. What are the five colors of the Olympic rings?

122. How many colors are there in a rainbow?

123. How many legs has a spider got?

124. What does the Roman numeral C represent?

125. Which planet is nearest the sun?

126. What colors make purple?

127. What's the hardest rock?

128. What is thanatology the scientific study of?

129. Where is the Eiffel Tower? Which country and which city?

130. What, in population terms, is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world?

131. How many different letters are used in Roman numerals? 8: 7

132. Of which country is Baku the capital? Azerbaijan

133. What should you say in English if someone sneezes?

134. Which is the best-selling car name of all time?

135. Who wrote 'Animal Farm'?

136. Name five methods of transport?

137. Name ten countries where English is an official language.

138. Name ten parts of the body lower than the neck.

139. Which explorer discovered the sea-route to India?

140. What is the currency of Turkey?

141. Who invented the electric light bulb?

142. Who invented the telephone?

143. What is the official language of Brazil?

144. "A good husband should be deaf and a good wife ......."

145. In which city is Kabe (the house of God), where millions of Muslims gather to perform their prayer, located?
146. What is the world's tallest tower?
147. What is the all time top grossing American Movie?
148. What currency do they use in Japan?
149. Which is the only vowel on a standard keyboard that is not on the top line of letters?
150. Which President died a violent death in 1963?
151. How high is Mount Everest?
152. What happened if you killed a cat in ancient Egypt?
153. Which Roman town was covered by volcanic ash?
154. What is stored in a camel's hump?
155. Which is the longest river in the world?
156. What is the name of Christian's prophet?
157. What is the worst earthquake of the world?
158. What is the largest type of shark?
159. How many bits are there in a byte?
160. Who discovered penicillin?
161. What is the American English word for the British English word-lift?
162. What is the name of Muslim's prophet?
163. Which metal boils at the highest temperature silver gold or lead?
164. Which player has scored the earliest goal of the World Cup history?
165. What is the capital of Cuba?

# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS ANSWER KEY

1. Seikan-Japan (53.9 kilometers)  
 2. Unidentified Flying Object  
 3. 10924 meters  
 4. d  
 5. two lips  
 6. a mountaineer  
 7. European Community  
 8. shallow  
 9. ear  
 10. elephant  
 11. repair, anchor, arrange, focus, manipulate, get revenge on  
 12. strange  
 13. windscreen wipers  
 14. Keanu Reeves  
 15. an accountant  
 16. When in Rome...  
 17. Mosque  
 18. Church  
 19. Shoelaces  
 20. United Nations  
 21. A bird in the hand...  
 22. narrow  
 23. unhappy  
 24. The Pyramids (Egypt), The Hanging Gardens of Babylon (Iraq), The Lighthouse of Alexandra(Egypt), The Colossus of Rhodes(Greece), The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus(Turkey), The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus(Turkey), The Statue of Zeus (Greece)  
 25. e  
 26. shell  
 27. Gagarin  
 28. vacuum cleaner  
 29. zero, naught, nought, oh, nill, cipher  
 30. till  
 31. Pacific  
 32. miscellaneous  
 33. Akashi Kaikyo Bridge-Japan (2 kilometers)  
 34. goalkeeper, goaltender or goalie)  
 35. b  
 36. Russell Crowe  
 37. Taipei 101-Taiwan (101 floors-508 meters)  
 38. n  
 39. the hot air balloon  
 40. the Vikings  
 41. Koran  
 42. unemployed  
 43. Arctic  
 44. 1961  
 45. electronic mail  
 46. Hiroshima-Japan  
 47. guilty  
 48. Da Vinci  
 49. knockout  
 50. Canberra  
 51. brother-in-law  
 52. People in glass houses...  
 53. nephew

54. 100 degrees Celsius  
 55. unsuitable  
 56. Fleming  
 57. Wright Brothers-American-1903  
 58. Bombay  
 59. alligator  
 60. Superior Lake-North America  
 61. Oxygen  
 62. I  
 63. great-aunt  
 64. blue  
 65. zookeeper  
 66. Brasilia  
 67. e  
 68. A fool...  
 69. George Washington  
 70. right  
 71. Descartes  
 72. unfair  
 73. an ice man  
 74. s  
 75. Helsinki  
 76. down  
 77. yolk  
 78. Los Angeles  
 79. Nairobi  
 80. Shakespeare  
 81. a clown  
 82. Starley-English-1885  
 83. Vatican City  
 84. Copenhagen  
 85. er  
 86. Thames  
 87. Kilimanjaro  
 88. a bee  
 89. unqualified  
 90. That's tough!  
 91. Julius Caesar  
 92. Monaco  
 93. ice cream  
 94. Birmingham  
 95. Ottawa  
 96. black and white  
 97. est. 2 million  
 98. 1914  
 99. Big Ben  
 100. New York-8.000.000  
 101. The White House  
 102. Q  
 103. Eagles-The Greatest Hits (28.000.000)  
 104. red, blue and yellow  
 105. 7  
 106. 5; a e i o u  
 107. Wall of China  
 108. Mt. Everest  
 109. Edinburgh  
 110. Brazil  
 111. Armstrong  
 112. Istanbul;18.000.000  
 113. 1945  
 114. English and French  
 115. Concorde

116. newspapers  
 117. 5  
 118. Chinese  
 119. 64  
 120. 6  
 121. red, yellow, green, blue, black  
 122. 7  
 123. 8  
 124. 100  
 125. Mercury  
 126. red and blue  
 127. diamond  
 128. Death  
 129. France/Paris  
 130. Mexico  
 131. 7 (I,V,X,L,D,C,M)  
 132. Azerbaijan  
 133. Bless you.  
 134. Toyota Corolla (25 million vehicles sold in 142 countries)  
 135. George Orwell  
 136. Train, car, coach, bus, tram, ship, boat, motorcycle etc.  
 137. England, Ireland, USA, Canada, India, Kenya, Singapore, Barbados, South Africa, Pakistan etc.  
 138. Chest, leg, arm, shoulder, foot, knee, fingers, toes, thigh, shin, ankle etc.  
 139. Vasco de Gama  
 140. Lira  
 141. Edison  
 142. Bell  
 143. Portugese  
 144. Blind  
 145. Mecca-Saudi Arabia  
 146. CN Tower-Canada (553 meters)  
 147. Titanic-600 Million Dollars  
 148. (yen)  
 149. A  
 150. John F. Kennedy  
 151. 8.848 meters  
 152. You were executed because cats were sacred  
 153. Both Pompeii and Herculaneum were covered by ash from Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD )  
 154. Fat  
 155. 6,670 for the Nile  
 156. Jesus  
 157. In 1556, an earthquake caused 830.000 deaths in China.  
 158. Whale shark  
 159. Eight  
 160. Alexander Fleming  
 161. Elevator  
 162. Mohammed  
 163. Gold: 2,900°C; silver: 2,210°C; lead: 1.740°C  
 164. Hakan Sukur-Turkey (He scored in the 11th second in 2002)  
 165. Havana

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