

## Pass the Baton

### Grandparents & the next generation

#### *Questions for Grandparents / an older generation*

1. What could you see through your windows growing up?<sup>24</sup>
2. What did you hear when you woke up in the morning?
3. What were your family dinners like?
4. What were you taught about expressing emotion?
5. Can you tell me about your worst first date?
6. Where did you buy or get your clothes?
7. What was your worst fashion disaster?
8. What's the most embarrassing thing you did [at school / when you were a kid]?
9. What do you wish people knew about you?
10. What is one thing you wish more [adults / people / kids / teenagers] understood?
11. What's one thing you're grateful for? How do you express gratitude? What expressions of gratitude are most meaningful to you?
12. When you were growing up, what was your dream job? What elements of that dream job intrigued you? What parts did you live out? Are you living out aspects of your dream job now?
13. When you were a kid, what did you think your life would look like now?
14. What charitable causes do you support?

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<sup>24</sup> Questions 1–7: Keating, Elizabeth. 2022. *The Essential Questions: Interview Your Family to Uncover Stories and Bridge Generations*. New York: TarcherPerigee.

15. Over your lifetime, where have you seen things get better? What most pressing need do you see that still exists?
16. What are two of the biggest [technological / social / lifestyle / family] changes you've seen in your lifetime?
17. If you had to pick one—skydiving, bungee jumping, or scuba diving—which would you do?
18. Which of your family members are you the most like?
19. What was one of your favorite books as a kid? As a teen?  
As an adult?
20. What's something recently that inspired you?
21. How have your beliefs changed as you've gotten older?
22. Where did you grow up? What do you like about where you grew up?
23. Where have you always wanted to travel to but haven't yet?
24. Who would play you in a movie?
25. What's the most important thing I should know about you?

*Questions for Grandkids / a younger generation*

1. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
2. If your [pet / favorite toy] could talk, what do you think it would say?
3. What do you usually play [at recess / on Saturday / with your sibling / with your friend]?
4. Do you like breakfast or dinner foods better?
5. Who is your best friend? What do you like about that person?
6. How do you let someone know if you feeling [happy / sad / tired / frustrated / lonely]?
7. What are three words you would use to describe yourself?
8. What is a school rule you wish you could get rid of?
9. What do you think is the best part of being a grown-up?  
What do you think is the best thing about being a kid?
10. What's the worst part of being a kid? What do you think would be the worst part of being a grown-up?
11. Would you rather be rich or famous? Why?
12. Would you rather be an artist or an athlete? Why?
13. What's something you wish you could change about the world?
14. If you could only have five toys / apps, which ones would you choose?
15. If you were a parent, what are three rules you would have?
16. Who is the nicest person you know?
17. What's something most people don't know about you?
18. What is your favorite activity to do with your friends?  
What is your favorite activity to do when you're with your

family? What is your favorite activity to do when you're alone?

19. Can you tell me a joke?
20. What do you imagine your life will be like in [5 / 10 / 20] years?
21. Who is one of your favorite people on [YouTube / social media / the Internet]? Can you show me one of your favorite clips?
22. Who is someone you'd really like to meet? What would your ideal meetup look like?
23. What is one of your favorite family memories?
24. What do you know how to do that you could teach others?
25. What's the most important thing I should know about you?



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