

# Tell Me About Your Life .....

No.	Question	Asked by	Recorded by	Recorded as	Where recording is stored
<b>Family</b>					
1	What is your full name?				
2	What was your day and date of birth?				
3	Where were you born? Be specific.				
4	Do you know any other circumstances of your birth (who was present, who delivered etc.)?				
5	Name your brothers and sisters and their years of birth.				
6	What was your mother's full name?				
7	What was your father's full name?				
8	What was your mother's date and place of birth?				
9	What was your father's date and place of birth?				
10	Tell a family nickname that you had. How did you get it?				
11	Tell of any other nicknames in your family.				
12	What did your father do for a living?				
13	Did your mother work outside the home?				
14	Did anyone else help with the childrearing, housework, gardening etc in your house?				
15	Did any relatives ever live with you?				
16	Tell a favourite memory of your father.				
17	Tell about some good advice your father gave you.				
18	Did your father ever make you a special gift?				
19	Tell a favourite memory of your mother.				
20	Did your mother ever make a special gift for you?				
21	Tell about some good advice your mother gave you.				
22	Relate your family Mother's day tradition.				
23	Tell about Fathers' Day in your house				
24	When you needed punishment as a child, which parent corrected you, and how?				
25	Tell about the naughtiest thing you ever did. If you got caught, describe the consequences.				
26	Did you stay with grandparents? Tell me about them. Where did they live, and what did you do there?				
27	Tell a fond memory of your Grandfather.				
28	Tell a fond memory of your Grandmother				
29	Relate an experience or memory of a cousin.				
30	Tell about a favourite Aunt.				
31	Tell about a favourite Uncle.				
32	Tell about family get-togethers in your childhood.				
33	Was religion important in your family? Did everyone share the same beliefs?				
34	Were politics or sports discussed in your family? Did all follow the same parties or teams?				

35	Do you have any knowledge of the origins of your family name?				
36	Has anyone in your family ever researched family history or made a family tree?				
37	Who in the family may have old family documents and photos from the past?				
<b>Childhood- Home life</b>					
38	Name the towns/suburbs you lived in before you were 20.				
39	Can you remember your childhood addresses?				
40	What were the roads like around your house?				
41	What was the neighbourhood like?				
42	What was your garden like?				
43	How many rooms did you have in your house, and what were they?				
44	What was the entrance to your house like?				
45	Describe a favourite room in your house when you were young- furnishings, floor and window coverings, sounds, smells...				
46	Describe the kitchen in your childhood home				
47	Describe your bedroom or another room.				
48	What was your favourite meal as a child?				
49	Do you remember any childhood songs or rhymes?				
50	Did you ever have an imaginary friend?				
51	What did you and your brothers and sisters fight about the most?				
52	What was the dumbest stunt ever pulled by you and a brother or sister?				
53	Describe some household chores you had as a child.				
54	Describe some outside chores. Which ones did you dislike the most?				
55	Describe your "best clothes" when you were young. Where did you get them from?				
56	What were your shoes like?				
57	Did you have a TV when you were a child? Tell about your first favourite T.V. or radio show.				
58	Tell about board games or card games you played as a youth.				
59	Share a memory of staying overnight with a friend.				
60	Tell about the best pet you ever had.				
61	Tell about other pets you had.				
62	Tell about a favourite doll/teddy bear/other stuffed toy.				
63	Tell about another favourite toy.				
64	What allowances/pocket money did you get? How much did you get?				

65	Did you have to earn it?				
66	What did you do with it?				
67	How much do you remember paying for an ice-cream?				
68	Tell about how you spent your Saturdays during the school year.				
69	Tell about how you spent your Sundays.				
70	What did you do after school each day?				
71	Did anyone in your family play a musical instrument?				
72	Did you use public transport? What was it like, and where did you go?				
<b>Special Occasions</b>					
73	Birthdays: How did your family celebrate birthdays?				
74	Tell about the presents you received for your birthday				
75	Share a birthday party memory.				
76	Tell about the best birthday present you ever received				
77	Christmas: Did you have a Christmas tree? What kind?				
78	When did you put up your Christmas tree?				
79	How did you decorate your tree?				
80	Tell about the best Christmas present you ever received.				
81	Do you remember a "best" Christmas of childhood?				
82	Did your family go to a special church service at Christmas?				
83	When did you find out about the real Santa?				
84	Other Special Occasions: What did your family do on New Year's Eve?				
85	Do you have any special memories of New Year's Eve or New Year's day?				
86	Tell about any Easter traditions				
87	Tell about a special Easter.				
88	Did you celebrate St. Patrick's day? How?				
89	Do you have a memory involving Guy Fawkes day?				
90	What kind of fireworks did people have when you were a youth?				
91	Did your town have a fair or celebration? Tell about it.				
92	Did you go to a carnival, e.g. Moomba? What do you remember?				
93	Did you go to the Melbourne Show? What do you remember?				
94	What kind of rides and games were there? How much did they cost?				
95	What was your favourite holiday of the year?				
96	Were there any other special occasions that were celebrated by your family?				
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<b>Vacations, Seasons</b>					
99	When on car trips, did you play games? What kind of car did you have?				
100	Did you go away for holidays? Where, how, and what did you do?				
101	Did you ever go camping? Tell about it.				
102	What do you remember as your favourite time of year. Why?				
103	How did you learn to swim?				
104	Where did you go swimming?				
105	Did you ever make mud pies?				
106	Did you go to the beach? What was it like?				
107	Did you sunbathe? Were you ever sunburnt? What happened?				
108	Did you go barefoot in summer? If so, relate an experience about stepping on something				
109	Share a memory involving a heatwave or a drought.				
110	What did you do to stay cool?				
111	Did you ever play under the sprinkler or the hose?				
112	Tell about the worst winter storm that you can remember.				
113	What memories do you have of thunder and lightning as a child?				
114	How did you stay warm in winter?				
115	What did you do for fun in winter?				
116	Did you ever have snow at your house?				
117	Did you ever make a snowman?				
118	Did you ever ski or toboggan?				
119	Was school ever cancelled because of extreme weather?				
120	Tell about a family holiday.				
121	Share the best holiday experience you can remember.				
122	Share the most unpleasant holiday experience you can remember.				
<b>Outings, Hobbies, Childhood Fun</b>					
123	Were you a member of Boy Scouts or Girl Guides?				
124	Did you play a musical instrument?				
125	Did you like to make things?				
126	If you were ever in a parade, tell about it.				
127	Tell another memory about a parade.				
128	Tell about a practical joke /prank you played on someone				
129	Do you have a good April Fool's Day story?				
130	Did you go to sporting events with your family?				
131	Did you go to the movies ("the pictures") as a child? Who with? What was your favourite?				

132	Do you remember the first movie you ever saw? Who starred in it?				
133	Did you go to church or Sunday School regularly?				
134	Tell about going to a circus.				
135	Tell about going to a zoo or sanctuary when you were young.				
136	Share a memory about going on a picnic.				
137	Tell about seeing something you thought was very beautiful.				
138	Did you ever go fishing as a child?				
139	Did you have a treehouse or a cubby house?				
140	Do you remember having a favourite lolly? How much did it cost?				
141	Do you remember having a favourite snack as a child?				
142	Share a memory about riding on a ferry, bus, train, plane..				
<b>Incidents</b>					
143	Did you ever have a fire in your home or accidentally catch something on fire?				
144	Was your home ever threatened by a flood, cyclone or bushfire? What happened?				
145	Share a memory about a power blackout.				
146	Share a memory involving an "outhouse"				
147	Did you ever lose something really important to you?				
148	What bones have you broken and how?				
149	Did you ever need stitches?				
150	Were you ever bitten by an animal?				
151	Do you have any other stories about being injured?				
152	Tell of a childhood illness.				
153	Tell about an experience at the doctor's or dentist.				
154	Tell about pulling or losing a baby tooth.				
155	Did you ever lose something really important to you?				
156	Tell about a practical joke or prank you played on a person				
157	Do you have a good April Fool's Day story?				
158	Relate a story about a mouse or possum in the house.				
159	What is the strangest animal you ever saw?				
160	What is the strangest thing you ever saw in the sky?				
161	Tell about seeing something you thought was very beautiful.				
162	Tell about seeing something very scary.				
<b>People, Memories, Dreams</b>					
163	Who was the Prime Minister when you were born?				
164	Who was the most famous person you ever met?				

165	Tell about someone who had a big influence over your life.				
166	As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?				
167	Tell of the closest friend you had during your childhood.				
168	Do you still have any friends from childhood days?				
169	Is there anything you have now that you have kept from your childhood?				
170	Tell about a strange person that lived in your town.				
171	Share a childhood memory about a death that affected you.				
172	What childhood fear do you remember?				
173	Tell of someone you envied and why.				
174	Describe a very proud moment in your childhood.				
175	Relate your happiest memory as a youth				
176	If you ever had a hero, tell who. Tell why.				
177	Share a memory involving a war during your childhood or youth.				
178	Describe the military experience of someone in your family.				
<b>Primary School Days</b>					
179	Which primary school /s did you go to?				
180	How did you get to school?				
181	How many students were there at your school?				
182	What do you remember about your first day at school?				
183	Who was your favourite teacher, and why?				
184	Who were your first school friends?				
185	Do you still know any of your primary school friends?				
186	Did you get into trouble at school? What happened?				
187	What was the biggest problem you remember having in primary school?				
188	Did you ever pretend to be sick as an excuse to stay home from school?				
189	What subjects were you good at?				
190	What did you have trouble with?				
191	How did you learn to read? Did you have many books, and what were they like?				
192	What was the best book you ever read as a child?				
193	What did you use to write with?				
194	What were the desks like? Describe a classroom.				
195	What did you wear to primary school?				
196	What games did you play in the playground?				
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<b>High School and Further Education</b>					
199	Which secondary school /s did you go to?				
200	How did you get to school?				
201	How many students were there at your school?				
202	What do you remember about your first day at high school?				
203	What was the biggest problem you remember having in secondary school?				
204	Describe a place you liked to go alone.				
205	Tell of a place that you discovered or built as a “haven” for your gang.				
206	Tell of a favourite “hang out” for you and your friends at high school.				
207	Tell of a nickname given to you by friends and classmates. How did you get it?				
208	Did kids ever tease you? What about?				
209	Name your best school friends. Do you still know them?				
210	Was your group of friends sporty, nerdy, rowdy, “cool” ...?				
211	Did you ever skip school? Where did you go?				
212	What was the worst or meanest thing you remember doing in school? Were there consequences?				
213	How many students were there at your school? How many in your class?				
214	What do you remember as your favourite subject at school?				
215	What do you remember as your least favourite subject at school?				
216	What sports did you play?				
217	What were your main hobbies?				
218	Tell about being in a school play.				
219	Tell about a difficult school essay or assignment.				
220	Tell about a school principal you remember.				
221	Did you get any awards at school?				
222	Did you have to abide by a curfew as a youth?				
223	At what age did you leave school, and why?				
224	If you went to college or university, tell which one you chose and why.				
225	Tell about college or uni, if you went.				
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<b>Young adulthood</b>					
<b>Work and Play</b>					
228	Who was your first girlfriend/boyfriend?				
229	Tell about your first date.				
230	Describe a few of the favourite hair styles of your youth.				

