**“What’s Your Favorite…” Questions**

Asking someone about their favorite *blank* is a great way to get know them better and learn about their preferences and opinions. These questions are good for when you are first meeting someone and are easy to incorporate as part of introductions in a larger group, such as asking each person to say their name, role, and favorite food as a child.

1. What was your favorite food when you were a child?
2. What’s the #1 most played song on your iPod?
3. What is one of your favorite quotes?
4. What’s your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?
5. What chore do you absolutely hate doing?
6. What is your favorite form of exercise?
7. What is your favorite time of day/day of the week/month of the year?
8. What’s your least favorite mode of transportation?
9. What is your favorite body part?
10. What sound do you love?

**“What If…” Questions**

Hypothetical questions help you learn more about another person’s personality, as well as their ideal state of the world. Since many of these questions might evoke longer responses, they are better suited for one-on-one conversations or smaller group discussions.

1. If you could throw any kind of party, what would it be like and what would it be for?
2. If you could paint a picture of any scenery you’ve seen before, what would you paint?
3. If you could choose to stay a certain age forever, what age would it be?
4. If you knew the world was ending in 2012, what would you do differently?
5. If you could choose anyone, who would you pick as your mentor?
6. If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?
7. If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?
8. If you had to work on only one project for the next year, what would it be?
9. If you were immortal for a day, what would you do?
10. If you had to change your first name, what would you change it to?
11. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?
12. If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?
13. If you were reincarnated as an animal/drink/ice cream flavor, what would it be?
14. If you could know the answer to any question, besides “What is the meaning of life?”, what would it be?
15. If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose?

**Personal Questions**

Asking personal questions gets right to the purpose of getting to know someone and can be used in smaller groups with elaborate answers or larger groups with quick responses.

1. Which celebrity do you get mistaken for?
2. What do you want to be when you grow up?
3. When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass the time?
4. What would you name the autobiography of your life?
5. What songs are included on the soundtrack to your life?

**Personal History Questions**

Questions involving people’s past help give you insight into their character and background by revealing memorable moments from the person’s life. These are great for one-on-one interactions or for smaller, more intimate groups. These questions help build trust as they are more personal than some of the other types of questions.

1. Have you ever had something happen to you that you thought was bad but it turned out to be for the best?
2. What was one of the best parties you’ve ever been to?
3. What was the last movie, TV show or book that made you cry or tear up?
4. What’s the hardest thing you’ve ever done?
5. What was the last experience that made you a stronger person?
6. What did you do growing up that got you into trouble?
7. When was the last time you had an amazing meal?
8. What’s the best/worst gift you’ve ever given/received?
9. What do you miss most about being a kid?
10. What is your first memory of being really excited?
11. What was the first thing you bought with your own money?
12. When was the last time you were nervous?
13. What is something you learned in the last week?
14. What story does your family always tell about you?
15. At what age did you become an adult?

### Get to know someone by learning what they like

#### Would you rather…

1. Watch, Star Wars, or Star Trek? Use whichever moves you find most relevant.
2. Read on a Kindle or paperback book? This question is a starter for many possible conversations on reading, favorite books, technology, libraries, bookstores, and more.
3. Go to a play or musical?
4. Go to the theater or a movie?
5. Hike or bike?
6. Wear jeans or chinos?
7. Have a Margarita or Pina Colada?
8. Drink a glass of Guinness or Fat Tire?
9. Crash with friends or stay in a hotel?
10. Visit Europe or Mexico?
11. Vacation in Hawaii or Alaska, and why?
12. Go skiing or snowshoeing?
13. Travel by plane, train, or automobile?
14. Enjoy a houseboat or speed boat?
15. Go climbing or zip lining?
16. Go to a comedy club or dance club?
17. Have a night out or evening in?
18. Watch TV or read a book?
19. Go canoeing or waterskiing?
20. Camp in an RV or stay in a tent?
21. Use Facebook or Twitter?
22. Choose a free trip or money? This may tell you whether the person values experiences over dollars.
23. Win the lottery or find your perfect job?
24. Swim in a pool or the ocean? Salt water and waves crashing on the beach or temperature controlled, lovely water all year round.
25. Travel by sailboat or cruise ship?
26. Watch sports or play sports?
27. Play dodgeball or kickball?

### Get to know someone new when you learn how they think:

1. Who would you want with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
2. If you could do anything you wanted right now, what would it be?
3. If money was no object, what would you do all day?
4. Where do you most want to travel, but have never been?
5. What is your favorite memory?
6. Who is your favorite author?
7. What is your favorite book?
8. What was your favorite activity in gym class? Personally I think the parachutes were a lot of fun.
9. What has been your biggest challenge?
10. What is your biggest success up until now?
11. What does your perfect day look like?
12. University or life experience, which do you feel best prepares you for life?
13. What is the one thing that should be taught in school that isn’t already?
14. If you were to create a piece of art, what would the subject be?
15. What one thing would you change if you had to do it over?
16. If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?
17. What does your life say about you?
18. How would your friends describe you?

1. Do you go by a nickname?

2. Who is the most famous person you’ve ever met?

3. What’s the one sound that drives you crazy?

4. What book has had the biggest impact on you?

5. What’s your preferred method of getting the news?

6. When driving, do you listen to CD’s, tapes, the radio or nothing?

7. Are you a window person or an aisle person?

8. Are you a dog person or a cat person?

9. Do you prefer Coke or Pepsi?

10. Do you watch Letterman, Conan or Jay?

11. How do you relieve stress?

12. Who would you consider to be your hero?

13. Where do you most often find yourself singing?

14. What’s your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?

15. What’s your favorite holiday?

16. What’s your favorite smell?

17. What’s your favorite cereal?

18. What’s your favorite restaurant?

19. What’s your favorite part of your job?

20. What’s your favorite childhood TV show?

21. What is your favorite daily ritual?

22. What is your favorite quotation?

23. What’s your favorite food to cook?

24. What’s your favorite movie to watch over and over again?

25. What was the first job you ever had?

26. What color was your refrigerator growing up?

27. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

28. When was the last time you played hooky from school or work?

29. What was the best prank you ever pulled off?

30. What was the last CD you bought?

31. What was the last movie you saw?

32. What was the best prank someone pulled on you?

33. What was the last concert you attended?

34. Who was your worst roommate?

35. What was the best concert you ever attended?

36. What is the best book you’ve read about your field?

37. What was the highlight of your (insert holiday here)?

38. If you could pick any actor to be the president, whom would you choose?

39. If you could add a single option to your car, what would you add?

40. If you could only subscribe to one magazine for the rest of your life, which one would it be?

41. If you could have dinner with any three people, whom would you choose?

42. If you could write a book about anything, what would it be?

43. If you could get back any article of clothing you once wore, what would it be?

44. If you could hire any actor to portray you in a movie, whom would you chose?

45. If you could play any instrument, which would you play?

46. If you could memorize any book cover to cover, which one would it be?

47. If you could hear anyone in history give a speech, whom would you hear?

48. If you could possess any superpower, what would it be?

49. If you could own your own retail store, what would you sell?

50. If you could live in one city for the rest of your life, where would you live?

51. If you had an unlimited shopping spree at one store, which store would it be?

52. If you could be any cartoon character, whom would you be?

53. If you could make any fictional character come to life, which would it be?

54. If you could start your own restaurant, what would it be?

55. If you could own one article of clothing from any movie, which would it be?

By asking any of these open ended, engaging questions, you will build instant rapport with your conversation partners. You will spark their creativity, invite them to share their experiences and as a result, show a genuine interest. Remember, time flies when you’re engaged in interesting conversation! Soall you have to do is ask the right kinds of questions, and you will cross the chasm between “how are ya?” and “whoare ya?”\*

Which is your most favorite book ever?  
  
Which is the one television character that you simply adore?  
  
What kind of music do you like?  
  
Which is your favorite genre of movies? (Comedy/Romance/Suspense/Action/Horror)  
  
What do you do when you feel very sad or depressed?  
  
What makes you angry? Are you short-tempered? How do you overcome your anger?  
  
Which is the best vacation you've ever had?  
  
If you could have a luncheon with any three people (real or fictitious/from any time period/dead or alive), which three people would you choose and why?  
  
Which is your most cherished childhood memory? What kind of kid were you, naughty or nice?  
  
What would you pick? Love or money?  
  
If given complete freedom to start afresh, what profession would you choose and why?  
  
What is your idea of fun? If given a chance to skip work for a day, how would you spend the entire day?  
  
Which is your favorite time of the day?  
  
Are you a morning person or a night person?  
  
What is the craziest thing you've ever done?  
  
Name one person you love the most, and one person you hate the most.  
  
If we were a couple and we had a fight, how would you try to patch things up?  
  
What is the funniest prank played on you or played by you?  
  
If given a choice, which animal would you want to be? Why?  
  
Who was your first crush? Did you ever tell him/her about your feelings?  
  
Which is your most favorite place in this earth?  
  
If you were stranded on a lonely beach, what are the five things that you would want to have with you?  
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1. What type of music do you listen to? (Genre, artists, songs?)  
2. What cheers you up?  
3. What do you constantly think about that, either makes you sad or just anything?  
4. Is there something you constantly lose at your hours or anywhere?  
5. Do you have a favorite book or read much? Why or why not?  
6. What is the longest you have gone without sleep?  
7. Do you have anyone you go to for advice? In person or online?  
8. What is the habit you are proudest of breaking or want to break?  
9. Is there anything I should know?  
10. What do you order or not order at a restaurant you have been to or never been to?  
11. What is your favorite word? Least favorite?  
12. Describe something that's happened to you for which had no explanation.  
13. Why?  
14. What did you do for your latest birthday?  
15. What holidays do you celebrate? Are you a religious person or not?  
16. If you had to be named after a city, state, or country (etc), which would you want it to be?  
17. Who is your hero?  
18. Which do you use more often, the dictionary or the thesaurus?  
19. Have you ever been stung by a bee?  
20. Have you ever tipped a cow?  
21. What's the sickest you have ever been?  
22. Are you still learning who you are?  
23. Are you afraid of heights? Or what are you afraid of?  
24. Have you ever taken dance lessons? Who would you want to dance with?  
25. What is the most memorable class you have ever taken?  
  
26. What's your favorite knock-knock joke?  
27. What is your favorite commercial?  
28. If you could spend the day with any celebrity, who would it be?   
29. What is your favorite breakfast food?  
30. Do you like guacamole? Have you ever been in a food fight?   
31. What is your favorite thing to spend money on?  
32. What is the weirdest thing about you? Are you proud of it?   
33. Ever been in love with 2 people at the same time? Do you think that's wrong?  
34. Ever had any relatives in jail?  
35. Glass half full or half empty? Or is the glass just malformed?  
36. Mountains or the beach? View, or the tv?  
37. Plain, train, or car? Boat, subway, or teleportation device?  
38. If you could retire tomorrow, what would you do?  
39. Ever sold/donated your blood? If you haven't do you want to?  
40. Crowds, small groups, or "Go away, I'm a loner"?  
41. Name the most terrifying moment of your life so far. Have you recovered from it?  
42. What famous person do people tell you that you most resemble?  
43. What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?  
44. If you could bring any person back to life, who would it be?  
45. Do you believe honesty is the best policy?  
46. What dead person would you least want to be haunted by?  
47. Who would you most like to be stuck in an elevator with? Who would you least like to be …?  
48. What do you think Victoria's secret is?  
49. Which cartoon character do you resemble the most?  
50. Would you rather go a week without bathing, but be able to change your clothes? Or a week without changing your clothes but be able to bathe.  
  
51. Which of the four seasons do you most love? Or Hate?  
52. If you could choose your method of dying or where, what would they be?  
53. If you had to be trapped in a tv show for a month, which would you choose?  
54. List someone you know, and describe them in 5 words.  
55. You can select one person from history and have them truthfully answer one question, who would you select and what is the question?  
56. If you join the circus, what would you perform?  
57. Ugly and live forever, or attractive and die in a year?  
58. You discover that your wonderful one year old child is because of a mix up at the hospital and not yours. Would you want to exchange the child to correct the mistake?  
59. Would you be willing to lie to a court for a close friend if it meant saving your friend from going to jail for life?  
60. Would you be willing to eat a bowl of crickets for $40,000?  
61. If you could have anyone locked in a room so that you could torment them for a day, whom would you choose ad how would you torment them?  
62. Do you feel that children should be sheltered from unhappiness?  
63. If you could have personally witnessed anything, what would you want to have seen?  
64. If you could wake up tomorrow in the body of someone else, who would you pick and what would you do? (Live in the body temporarily or permanently?)  
65. If you could be any age for a week, what age would that be?  
66. What question do you hate to answer?  
67. If you could only have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?  
68. Where do you go to get on a computer?  
69. How do you start a conversation?  
70. What keys on a keyboard do you not use?  
71. If you had a brainwashing machine, who would you use it on?  
72. You are walking home in the dark, you see something move. What/Who is it(guess)? What do you do?  
73. What is the strangest name someone has introduced themselves as to you? What is their real name?  
74. Where were you 3 hours ago? Do you think someone was stalking you?  
75. Have you ever eating a crayon, or glue? Or what strange thing have you eaten?  
  
76. Is there anything purple within 10 feet of you? What is it?  
77. When was the last time you bought something? What was it?  
78. Are you wearing socks right now?  
79. Have you been to the movies in the last 5 days?  
80. When was the last time you ran/went for a jog?  
81. Your dream vacation? Worst vacation? Best vacation?  
82. Worst injury you have had?  
83. What do you want to know about the future?  
84. What was the last picture took of you?  
85. Do you know any big gossipers?  
86. Have you been pulled over by a cop?  
87. Do you know your heritage?  
88. What have you always wanted? Did you ever get it?  
89. What you have faked being sick so you wouldn't have to go to?  
90. What was the last lie you have said?  
91. Have you ever danced in the rain?  
92. What is your blood type?  
93. Have you ever been in a car accident?  
94. What was your weirdest prank call that you have made?  
95. Best compliment you have received?  
96. Do you trust anyone with your life?  
97. What is your greatest strength or weakness?  
98. What is your perfect pizza?  
99. What was your first thought when you woke up this morning?  
100. Do you get along with your family? Why or why not?