

Here are a few questions to get you started. I hope to divide these by categories and add more questions in the future.

1. What is your full name? Were you named after somebody?
2. When and where were you born?
3. Did you have a nickname(s)?
4. What was your childhood home like? How many rooms did it have?
5. Did you live in the same place throughout your childhood? If not, which was your favorite home ever?
6. What is your earliest childhood memory?
7. Who do people say you look most like in your family? What do you think?
8. Describe your family members with one sentence. Did anyone have a characteristic or trait that you remember? Why?
9. Did you have a favorite toy? What was it and why?
10. What kind of games did you play growing up? Do you have a favorite memory of any of those playtimes?
11. Did you play board games or card games? What did you enjoy the most?
12. Who were your neighbors? What were they like?
13. Did you help your family out with chores? Anything you loved doing? Or hated doing?
14. What was your neighborhood like?
15. Who were your friends growing up? Did you have more than one best friend? Describe one of them.
16. Siblings related questions where applicable. Did you have a good relationship with your siblings? What did you all do at home?
17. Did your home have any special items that stood out? Quirky or antique items? Maybe an ancient something that you never knew its purpose?
18. What did you do to entertain yourself when you were bored?
19. Did you spend time with your grandparents when you were a child?
20. What were your maternal grandparents like? Where did they spend most of their time?
21. How about your paternal grandparents? Did they live with you or other cousins?
22. Did you have a favorite relative? Who was it and why?
23. Do you remember any stories your grandparents or parents told you? Did they share or pass on stories of their own parents or grandparents or even older ancestors?
24. What did your parents do for a living? What about your grandparents?
25. Do you have a famous (or infamous) relation in your family tree?
26. Did any of your family members have a special talent? What was it?
27. Does your family have any distinguishing physical traits?
28. Did you inherit any characteristics from your parents or grandparents?
29. What were family meals like?
30. How did you celebrate special events, like birthdays or anniversaries?
31. Did you meet your relatives in other towns and cities often?
32. What was your school like? Did you wear a uniform? What was your favorite class? Did you have a favorite teacher?
33. What were you most afraid of? Or most unafraid of?

34. What kind of music did you listen to when you were a teenager? Any favorite movies/books/TV shows as a child?
35. Did you have a crush on someone when you were young? Who was it?
36. Who was the oldest relative you ever knew? Tell me more about them.
37. When you were bored as a child, what kinds of things did you do to entertain yourself?
38. What did you want to be when you grew up? Did you end up doing the same thing?
39. What is your happiest childhood memory? And what about a sad memory?
40. Did you ever get into trouble as a teenager?
41. What was the wildest or craziest thing you ever did?
42. Did you ever play a practical joke on someone? Tell me more about it.
43. What was the most stressful thing that happened to you? How did you deal with it? Who helped you?
44. Did you ever get scared about something?
45. Where did you go on vacations with your parents and siblings? Any favorite trip?
46. Where did you go to college or university?
47. What was your first job? Your first home that you rented or owned?
48. What was the worst job you ever had? Your favorite job?
49. Do you have any hidden talents?
50. When did you meet your spouse/partner?
51. When/where did you get married? Can you describe your marriage a bit more? Guests, food, dress, how many days, etc? Any special memory?
52. How would you describe your spouse? Anything you admire(d) most about them?
53. What about your kids? When/where were they born? How did you choose their names?
54. Is there anything special you would like to share about your kids?
55. How did you feel when you first became a parent?
56. What do you remember most about your parents? Your grandparents? Other older relatives?
57. Who was the family member you were closest to always?
58. What is/was your favorite family tradition? Do you still continue them? Have you/we stopped some of those traditions? Do you wish to restart or stop any of them? Why?
59. Who was the biggest influence in your life? How did they impact you?
60. What world or local event impacted your life the most? How did it change your life?
61. Is there a piece of advice you got and you wish you had taken?
62. What is the one piece of advice you would like to give others?
63. Do you have a bucket list? Have you checked off items on it? What was your best one so far?
64. Is there anything you wish to do and have not done yet?
65. What was the most difficult choice you had to make in your life?
66. Did you want something so bad that you gave up something else for it? Was it worth it?
67. What was the biggest challenge you had to overcome in your life? How did you do it?
68. Were you a part of any clubs, groups, or organizations?
69. Did you win any awards or prizes? Were you on the news or other social media?
70. What was the most amazing experience you have had? The most embarrassing thing to happen to you?

71. Did you meet any celebrities or people you admired a lot?
72. How is life different from when you were a child to that of your children/grandchildren?
73. What are you most proud of as a parent? As a child? As a sibling?
74. What do you think is your most special accomplishment?
75. How do you want others to remember you?

In addition, you can also ask about favorite things -
book/song/poem/actors/sports/color/flower/food/season/board game/card
game/animal/bird/ice cream flavor/pizza topping/festival/and so on and so forth....

You can also ask to describe various family members with one word or one phrase.