

Brainstorming Questions for an Interview

You've been asked to interview someone and write on it. Before speaking (or emailing) with your interviewee, draft a list of questions to ask them. While you are conducting the interview, be open to new questions that may come to you. But it's always best to start prepared.

Of course, what questions you ask will be informed by your topic. If you are to interview someone about their childhood, here are some sample questions:



- Where were you born?
- When were you born?
- Did you have siblings? If so, how many and what were their names? How old were they relative to you?
- What were your parents like?
- Did you grow up around any extended family (grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc.)?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What pets, if any, did you have?
- What was school like?
- What was your home like?
- What was your favorite thing to do?
- Who was your best friend?
- What was the best thing that happened to you?
- What was the scariest thing that happened to you?
- What was your favorite toy?
- What was your favorite subject in school?
- Was there something in your childhood that felt normal that you realized as an adult was unusual?
- What were your hobbies?
- Did you play a musical instrument?
- What sports did you play?
- What were your favorite foods?

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