



H ow Well Do You Know Your Child

Living with a child means nurturing, teaching, talking and listening. It means spending time together. Still, no matter how much time we spend with our children there are usually things we don't know about them. Here are some questions to help you learn more about your child's ideas and feelings. After you've answered them, ask your child these questions—just a few at a time if your child is very young—and compare the results. Remember to listen to your child's ideas without correcting or criticizing. And remember it works both ways. Your child might want to ask you some questions! Most importantly have fun!

1. What really makes your child angry?
2. Who is your child's best friend?
3. What color would he/she like his/her room to be?
4. Who is your child's hero?
5. What is your child's favorite food?
6. What embarrasses your child most?
7. What is your child most afraid of? What are some other fears?
8. What is your child's favorite subject in school? Most difficult subject?
9. What are some things he/she likes and dislikes about school?
10. How does he/she feel other people see him/her?
11. If your child could buy anything in the world, what would it be?
12. What is his/her favorite TV show?
13. What would your child most like to change about the family?
14. What accomplishment does your child feel most proud of?
15. What has been the biggest disappointment in your child's life?
16. What is your child's favorite thing to do on weekends and holidays?
17. Does your child feel too big/too small for his/her age?
18. What gift does your child most cherish?
19. What person outside the family has most influenced your child's life?
20. What is your child's favorite time to do homework?
21. Does your child feel he/she is treated fairly at home?
22. What about you would your child most like to change?