

The Past

Beginner (A1)

11 questions

- 01 What did you think was expensive when you were a child?
- 02 What clothes did you wear for special days as a child?
- 03 What did you draw when you were little?
- 04 What did you collect when you were younger?
- 05 What did you want to do by yourself as a child?
- 06 Where did you hide things when you were a child?
- 07 What sounds did you hate when you were a child?
- 08 What did people wear in your old school photos?
- 09 Which old photo made you laugh?
- 10 What did you write in your school notebooks besides schoolwork?
- 11 What old things did you find the last time you cleaned your room?

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Elementary (A2)

22 questions

- 12 Did you use to have a pet?
- 13 Who were some of your favorite sports stars in the past?
- 14 Name some of your country's famous sports stars of the past.
- 15 What was your best memory from when you were a child?
- 16 What is your earliest memory?
- 17 What age seemed old to you when you were a child?
- 18 What did you call something before you knew its real name?
- 19 How did you know it was time to go home when you played outside?
- 20 What small things did children trade when you were at school?
- 21 What did you ask adults again and again when you were little?
- 22 What seemed huge when you were little but was probably quite small?
- 23 How did you write or decorate your name when you were younger?
- 24 What old advertisement can you still remember?
- 25 What did people in your family save to use again?
- 26 How did people leave messages for each other in your home when you were young?
- 27 What did you often buy in the past that you can no longer find?
- 28 What did people do while they waited before they had phones to look at?
- 29 How do you feel when you read messages you wrote years ago?
- 30 Which old piece of clothing would you like to wear again?
- 31 What can you still remember about a place you visited only once?
- 32 Which part of your life has very few photos?
- 33 What was an older person you know like as a teenager?

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Intermediate (B1)

30 questions

- 34 Who used to be your hero when you were young?
- 35 Which was better for you: elementary school, junior high school or high school? Why?
- 36 What was your country like when you were a child?
- 37 Do you think the past was better than the present? Why or why not?
- 38 What were some of the benefits of living in the past?
- 39 How was life in your country 100 years ago different from life today?
- 40 As a child, what did you imagine adults did all day at work?
- 41 What did you once pretend to like because other people your age liked it?
- 42 What joke or kind of humor did you enjoy years ago that you don't find funny now?
- 43 What did an adult say that you took too literally as a child?
- 44 What small thing made someone seem rich or lucky when you were young?
- 45 What rule did you invent for yourself as a child?
- 46 What did you learn much later than other people your age?
- 47 Which part of an ordinary day from years ago would you like to have a video of?
- 48 When did you realize you were getting too old for a group or activity you had enjoyed?
- 49 What old description of you do people still use even though you have changed?
- 50 Tell us about an old object whose purpose you had to ask someone to explain.
- 51 What used to come free with a purchase that you looked forward to getting?
- 52 Which old-fashioned way of doing something do you use because you prefer it?
- 53 Tell us about a fashion you liked the first time around and saw become popular again.
- 54 What everyday sound do you hear much less often than you used to?
- 55 What did people use to repair that they now tend to replace?
- 56 What expressions did older people use that people your age rarely used?
- 57 What did adults call a waste of time when you were young that they now enjoy themselves?
- 58 Which photo would you show someone who wanted to know about your life five years ago?
- 59 Which belongings from childhood do you think you'll never get rid of?
- 60 When you visit a place from your past, do you prefer going alone or taking someone?
- 61 What did you discover about your younger self by looking at old schoolwork?
- 62 Looking back at a day you photographed, what do the pictures leave out?
- 63 Which old photo would be fun to take again with the same people?

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Upper Intermediate (B2)

14 questions

- 64 Which decision that felt unfair when you were younger makes more sense to you now?
- 65 What did you once think you would never do, and what made you reconsider?
- 66 What did someone do for you that you only appreciated years later?
- 67 What seemed normal in the way you grew up until you heard about someone else's experience?
- 68 Which choices about adult life seem more open now than they did to your parents at your age?
- 69 What change did people around you predict would be a disaster but turned out to be harmless?
- 70 Which things once seen as signs of being poor have become fashionable?
- 71 What do older movies assume an audience will understand that needs explaining today?
- 72 What once counted as dressing too casually that would attract little attention now?
- 73 How do you feel about repairing an old object if that means removing the signs of how it was used?
- 74 Which kinds of old belongings are worth keeping even when nobody remembers who owned them?
- 75 How much would you want to know about a building's past before making it your home?
- 76 What would make you keep an old letter after you no longer felt the same way about the person who wrote it?
- 77 When someone remembers a time fondly but you found it difficult, how much do you want to share your experience?

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Advanced (C1)

2 questions

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- 78 How much of the freedom people remember from the past depended on nobody recording what they did?
- 79 How much should discovering that a favorite memory is inaccurate change what it means to you?