

20 Questions to Ask Relatives for Video Interviews

1. What is your full name, and why did your parents name you that?
2. When and where were you born?
3. What is your happiest memory of your father? Your mother?
4. How did your parents meet?
5. What is the most important lesson your parents taught you?
6. Tell me about your childhood home.
7. What did you do for fun as a child?
8. How did you meet your spouse?
9. Tell me about your wedding day.
10. Tell me about the day your first (or my mom or dad) child was born.
11. What are your favorite family traditions (holiday or otherwise)
12. Tell me about some of your friends.
13. Describe your first (or favorite) job.
14. Where were you, and how did you feel/react when you heard that President Kennedy was shot?
(Add or substitute other important historical events, such as 9/11)
15. Tell me about some of your favorite songs (also books, movies and television shows).
16. Tell me about some of the places where you've been happiest.
17. What would be your recipe for happiness?
18. What are the 3 best things you ever did in your life
19. Tell me about a time you felt discouraged in your life, or the biggest mistake you made
20. What other stories do you love to share about your life that we haven't touched on yet? (This is a good way to begin wrapping up the interview.)