

How Well Do You Know Your Son or Daughter?

As parents, we so busy taking care of our children that we lose track of some of the details of their lives. This activity will help to make us aware of how much--or how little--we know about our sons or daughters.

Direction: with pen in hand, see how many of the following questions you can answer. Don't be surprised if you get stumped along the way. Ask your son or daughter at the same time to fill out the worksheet, "How well do you know your parents?". When you're both finished, exchange and discuss the answers with each others.

1. What is your daughter's/son's favorite game or sport?
2. What is your son's/daughter's height (within one inch)?
3. Who is your daughter's/son's closest friend?
4. If your son/daughter could do anything he/she chose for a day, what would it be?
5. What is your daughter's/son's favorite TV show? Favorite character?
6. What was the last movie your son/daughter saw?
7. What is your daughter's/son's favorite food?
8. What is your son's/daughter's favorite thing to do after school?
9. Would your daughter/son rather ride a bike, ride a horse, or drive a car?
10. Who is your son's/daughter's favorite singer or musical group?
11. If your daughter/son had a choice to have a pet, what would it be?
12. Which would your son/daughter rather do: wash dishes, mow the lawn, clean his/her room, or vacuum the house?
13. Do your daughter's/son's friends call her/him by a nickname? If so, what is it?
14. In the evening, would your son/daughter rather play a game with the family, go to visit a relative, or read in his/her room?
15. What was the last problem your daughter/son brought to you for help?
16. What gift would your son/daughter most like to receive?
17. What does your daughter/son do that she/he is proud of?

Summary: If you get more than 15 right, congratulations you really know your daughter/son! From 11 to 15? Not bad, but try to pay a little more attention. Fewer than 11? Better spend a little time catching up on what's new with her or him.

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How Well Do You Know Your Parents?

We may live with our parents, spend hours a day with them, and talk with them a lot. Still there's much we don't know about them. This activity will help to make us aware of how much--or how little--we know our parents.

Directions: Grab a pen and try to answer these questions about your parent(s). At the same time, your dad or mam will answer the question in "How well do you know your Son or Daughter?" When you're both finished, exchange and discuss the answer with each other. If you only have one parent at home or live with another relative or adult, please just answer the questions that pertain to that adult.

1. How did your parents meet?
2. What color are your dad's eyes?
3. For a vacation, would your mom prefer a luxury resort, a rustic mountain cabin, resting at home, or somewhere else?
4. What presidential candidate did your dad vote for in 2008?
5. Does your mom believe in love at first sight?
6. Would your dad rather watch TV with the family, sit alone and read, or go out to dinner together with friends?
7. Does your mom gas up the car as soon as the tank is half empty or when the fuel is nearly gone?
8. Does your dad usually carry a photo of you in his wallet?
9. How old was your mom on her first date?
10. If your dad turned on the TV and found these choices, which would he pick: a football game, soap opera, old movie-or turn off the set?
11. Which of these can't your mom do: touch her toes, do a headstand, rewire a lamp, replace the spark plugs, sew a shirt?
12. What was your dad's first full-time job?
13. Who is your mom's closest friend?
14. What gift would your dad most like to receive?
15. If your mom could have you do anything for three hours, what would it be?

Summary: If you get more than 13 right, congratulation... you really know your parent(s)! From 10 to 13? Not bad, but try to pay a little more attention. Fewer than 10? You need a crash course called "Mom and Dad 101"

Remember: Knowing or wanting to find out about someone shows that you truly care.

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