How Well Do You Know Your Child?





Living with a child means nurturing, redirecting, talking, and listening. It means doing things together and doing things apart from each other. No matter how much time we spend with another person, there's usually much we don't notice or know about that person.

Answer the questions on this quiz to find out for yourself how well you know your child. If you have more than one child, you might want to use this questionnaire for each one. After you complete the answers, schedule a time to sit down with your son or daughter to see how well you did on the test.

This quiz can give you valuable insight into how well you really know your child, **while providing an opportunity to get to know him or her better.** You might even want to take the test again at a later date and see if you've made progress toward a closer relationship with your child or children.

- 1. What really makes your child angry?
- 2. Who's your child's best friend?
- **3.** What color would your child like his/her room to be?
- 4. Who's your child's hero?

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- 5. What embarrasses your child most?
- 6. Would your child prefer a vanilla milkshake, a hot fudge sundae or strawberry short cake?
- 7. What are your child's favorite and least favorite subjects in school?
- 8. In gym class, would your child rather play team sports such as football or basketball or individual sports such as long-distance running or golf?
- 9. What is your child's greatest fear?
- 10. What name(s) is your child called in school?
- 11. What is your child's favorite music?
- 12. What is your child's favorite book or magazine?
- **13.** What is your child's biggest complaint about the family?
- **14.** If you could buy your child anything in the world, what would be his/her first choice? Your first choice?
- **15.** If you could do anything in the world for your child, what would be his/her first choice? Your first choice?
- **16.** What is your child's favorite television show?
- 17. Of what accomplishment is your child proudest?
- 18. What has been the biggest disappointment in your child's life?
- 19. What chore (if any) does your child hate most: drying dishes, taking out the trash, walking a pet, etc?
- **20.** What gift from you does your child cherish most? (This gift can be an object like a toy, abstract like helping with homework, or emotional support like listening to problems.)
- 21. What person outside the family has most influenced your child's life?
- **22.** When does your child prefer to do homework if it must be done: right after school, after supper, before bedtime or in the morning before school?