

# **Grandparent Interview Questions**

*(81 Questions in 12 Sections)*

## **Section 1. The Biggest Question**

- 1. What is the most important thing you've learned during your life?**
- 2. What are your top 3 tips for me to remember?**

## **Section 2. About Your Birth**

- 3. What year were you born? What city? Were you born in a hospital?**
- 4. What is your full name? And why did your parents call you that?**

## **Section 3. About Your Youth**

- 5. Did you have a nickname?**
- 6. What were you like? (Shy, sociable, etc)**
- 7. Were you a well behaved or misbehaving child?**
- 8. What sports, games and hobbies did you like?**
- 9. What were the most popular toys or gadgets?**
- 10. What did you like to read?**
- 11. Did you play any musical instruments or sing?**
- 12. Did you have pets? What type? What were their names?**
- 13. What chores did you have to do?**
- 14. Did you get an allowance for chores? Did you save it or spend it?**
- 15. How would you describe your sense of humour?**
- 16. What are some practical jokes you played on someone?**
- 17. What did you want to be when you grew up?**

## **Section 4. About Your Brothers and Sisters**

- 18. How many siblings do you have? What are their names?**
- 19. Were they older or younger than you?**
- 20. Were they well behaved or misbehaving children?**

21. Did you have to share bedrooms?
22. How many bathrooms were in your house?
23. Did you always have an indoor washroom? Television?  
Refrigerator? Car?
24. What did your family do for fun?

#### **Section 5. About Your Parents & Relatives**

25. What are your parents' names? Were they named after someone?
26. What were their careers?
27. Were they strict parents?
28. What were they best at?
29. Do you have a favourite memory of each of them?
30. Did you have lots of cousins, aunts & uncles?
31. Did you get together often? Do you have any favourites?
32. Did your grand-parents live close by? What do you remember about them?
33. Do you remember hearing your grand-parents describe their lives?
34. Do you remember your great-grand-parents?
35. Who was the oldest person you remember as a child?

#### **Section 6. About School**

36. What were you like during school? Class clown? Shy? Sociable?
37. What did you like most about school?
38. Did you get good grades? What subjects did you like the most and the least?
39. Did you study hard for exams long beforehand or cram the night before?
40. Did you participate in any other extracurricular activities?

#### **Section 7. About Friendships**

41. Did you find it easy to meet kids and make friends?
42. Did you have a best friend growing up? How did you meet?

43. What did you love to do together?
44. Are you still friends with any of your childhood friends?

### **Section 8. About University and Career**

45. What did you study in university and how did you decide on that?
46. Who was one of your biggest mentors?
47. What was your first job? And next jobs?
48. Which was your favourite and why?
49. What was best and hardest about being in the workforce?
50. Do you have any job advice for me when I start working?

### **Section 9. About Nanny**

51. How did you meet Nanny?
52. What was your first date?
53. What qualities do you remember liking about her?
54. How did you know you were in love and that she was the one?
55. How did you propose?
56. What has been one of your favourite parts of marriage?
57. What has been one of the biggest struggles you've overcome together?
58. What was your secret for staying together?
59. What has been your favourite vacation with Nanny? Why was it special?

### **Section 10. About Your Kids**

60. What were Mom Lisa & Auntie Michelle like at 10 years old? As teenagers? As young adults?
61. Did you give them nicknames?
62. Which one was the best behaved? Nicest? Smartest? Funniest?
63. Why did you give them the names that you did?
64. Were you a strict or lenient parent? Did you parent like your parents

**did with you?**

**65. Did you spend much time with your kids? Doing what?**

**66. What do you think you taught them?**

**67. Did your family go on many vacations together? Where?**

**68. What was most rewarding and most difficult about having kids?**

**69. If you had to do it all over again, would you change the way you raised your family?**

### **Section 11. Wars and The Great Depression**

**70. During WW2 (1938-1945) how old were you? Was your family involved?**

**71. During WW1 (1914-1918) how old were your parents? Were they involved?**

**72. During the Great Depression (1929-1939) how was your family affected?**

**73. Was your family ever short of food because of any of these disasters?**

### **Section 12. Life Events**

**74. Who has made the biggest impact on your life and why?**

**75. What is one of your biggest accomplishments in your life?**

**76. What is one of the hardest things you've had to overcome?**

**77. What was the most embarrassing thing that happened to you?**

**78. What would you consider the most important inventions during your lifetime?**

**79. How is the world different now from what it was like when you were a child?**

**80. What items are on your bucket list? Anything you've wanted to do but haven't?**

**81. How do you like Trump?**