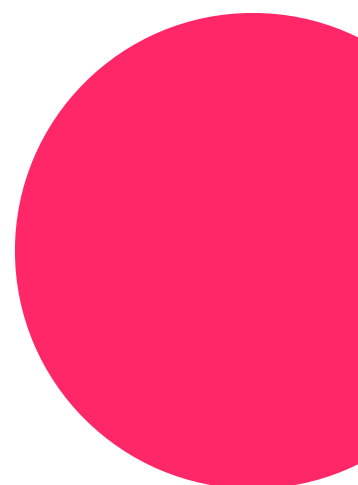


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122 Questions To Get Your Child Talking About School

Ideas for parents, carers and other
supporting adults



These
questions will
get you and
your child
talking about
their day

Introduction

'How was your day?' is a massive question that tends to get a tiny response... if you'd like more than 'fine' then this guide will help.

I've shared over 100 questions to help you have a deeper conversation with your child about their day.

Towards the back of this guide, you'll find questions to print - this is inspired by my daughter Ellie who LOVES to pick random questions to answer. We print them, fold them and pop them in a pot and pick one to both answer at random.

These questions will get you started, and in no time you'll have dozens of your own to add.

Good luck!

Pooky x

Questions About School Work

What questions did you ask in class today?

What questions did you get asked in class today?

What did you learn today that you didn't know before?

What was your favourite lesson today?

What got you really interested today?

What lesson made you sad when it ended today?

What lesson made time go slowly today?

What did you do in (e.g) maths today?

What's your class reader?

What did you need help with today? What/who helped?

Who did you do paired or group work with today?

If you could scrap one subject, what would it be?

How much homework have you got? Can I support?

What did you want to keep on learning about today?

Did you have enough time to get your work done?

Do you think (e.g.) science is too hard or too easy?

What word did your teacher say the most today?

What did you do today that made your brain work hard?

Did you do anything that made your hands dirty?

Were you excited in any lessons today?

Were you bored in any lessons today?

What rules are different at school than at home?

What subject are you finding hardest right now?

What lessons are easiest?

What do you find easy but your friends find hard?

What do you find hard but your friends find easy?

What are you doing in art?

What did you learn today that you can teach me?

Questions About *Children*

Who did you play with today?

Did anyone do anything today that made you go 'wow!'?

Are there any new kids? Are they settling in okay?

What 3 words describe your (e.g.) maths partner today?

Who do you most enjoy spending break time with?

What's (e.g.) Amy's favourite thing about school?

When were other kids kind to each other today?

Was there any meanness today?

Who is a really good listener?

Who makes you laugh?

Which kid do you wish an alien spaceship would beam up?

Who in your class has a skill you wish you had?

Questions About Adults

What made your teacher smile today?

Did any of the adults help you today?

Did any of your teachers do anything nice for you?

What do you think made your teacher proud today?

Which teacher's class would you love to be in?

Which teacher do you think would be a great head?

Who is the funniest adult at school?

Who is the kindest adult at school?

Who is the strictest adult at school?

What do you most like about your teacher?

Which teacher would make a great prime minister?

What makes your teacher happy?

Questions About Break & Lunch

Who did you play with at break time?

What games do people play at break time?

Where did you eat your lunch?

Who did you spend your lunchbreak with?

Did anyone have anything great in their lunchbox today?

Who did you wish you could switch lunches with today?

What was the yummiest thing in your school lunch today?

What was the yuckiest thing in your school lunch today?

Where's the best place to hang out at breaktime?

What happens if it rains?

Who thinks up the best games?

Today, did you wish break was longer or shorter?

Questions About *The Classroom*

What are the rules of your classroom?

Do you think the rules are fair?

Does everyone follow the rules? Should they?

Where do you prefer to sit in the classroom?

What's on the walls?

Is your classroom quiet or noisy?

Do you sit in rows or in groups in class?

What is the most important rule at school?

What rule felt hard to follow today?

If you could make the rules, what would they be?

Is there work on the wall?

How do you know when your teacher is proud?

Questions About Deeper Stuff

Did you find anything difficult today?

What was your least favourite part of the day?

What challenge did you overcome today?

When did you feel most proud today?

What made you worry today?

When did you feel calm/happy/safe today?

What did someone say that you're still thinking about?

What would you do if you felt lonely at break time?

What would you say to a kid considering your school?

Did anything make you cross today?

If you could change ONE thing, what would it be?

What's the biggest difference between this year & last?

Questions About *Lighter Stuff*

What made you smile today?

When did you feel happiest today?

What got you and your friends laughing today?

How would you spend £1000 on your school?

Which kid would survive a zombie apocalypse?

Who would be fired in week one of The Apprentice?

Which teacher would be awesome on Strictly?

What would be the perfect school uniform?

Did any of your friends do anything nice for you today?

Which pupil would make a great teacher for the day?

Which kid would make a great prime minister?

If you could have a class pet, what would you pick?

Questions About Tomorrow

How are you feeling about tomorrow?

What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

What do you need to get ready for tomorrow?

Is there anything worrying you about tomorrow?

What lessons have you got tomorrow?

How would you most like to spend break tomorrow?

What would you like in your lunchbox tomorrow?

What do you need to try harder at tomorrow?

What could you do to make yourself proud tomorrow?

Is there anything I can do to help you for tomorrow?

What would make tomorrow better than today?

Have you got any homework due? Do you need a hand?

Questions to Print & Answer Together

What was your favourite thing you did today?

Can you show me something you learned or did today?

Was today a good day, a bad day or an in-the-middle day?

What was the hardest thing you had to do today?

Who did something nice for you today?

What was something different that happened today?

When did you laugh today?

If you could change ONE thing about today, what would it be?

How would you rate your day on a scale of one-to-ten?

What bit of your day do you wish could have lasted all day?

Works Best When

It's important you find the way that works best for you and your child, but a few things that can really help include:

Encourage
your child to
ask you
questions too

- Get Specific -

Big general questions are hard to answer but super specific ones are easier, they also show that the other person has listened in the past. Tap into the detail and ask about specific lessons, friends or teachers. Ask follow-up questions to find out even more.

- Reciprocate -

Make this a two-way thing and tell your child about your day too. Encourage them to ask questions by answering them thoughtfully.

- Same Time, Same Place -

Make this a regular part of your day and get into the habit of talking to your child about their day at a similar time and place each day. They'll soon get used to talking about their day at this time and will use this moment to open up any harder conversations they need to have.

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