

# Family & Friends

1. How old were your parents when you were born? Did your parents ever live with their parents? Does anyone in your family still live with their parents?
2. How many siblings do you have? Where do you fit in your family's birth order? Do you think that has shaped you?
3. What activities do you remember doing with your mother and your father? What are you grateful to your parents for? When you were a baby, who was your primary caregiver?
4. Do you remember helping either of your parents with chores? Which ones?
5. Do you remember playing with your parents? What did you play? Did you play with your siblings?
6. How would you describe friendship? What makes someone a good friend?
7. Who is your closest friend? Why do you think you connect so well? When and how did you meet?
8. Do you make friends easily? Give some advice for maintaining lasting friendships.
9. Do you have aunts and uncles? Are you close to your cousins? When do you see them?
10. Are any of your friends invited to your family gatherings?
11. Who do you miss most in Canada – your friends or your family?
12. When you were a child, were you ever punished? How? Why? Which of your parents was the main disciplinarian in your family? How important is respect for your parents in your culture?
13. Have you ever lost a friend? What happened? Has a friend ever betrayed you? In what way?
14. Were the family expectations and rules different for girls than for boys? Give some examples.
15. Are you close to your siblings? Do you keep in contact with them? Do you have family reunions?
16. What did your parents expect from you as a teenager? Did you rebel?
17. Did you ever get romantically involved with a friend? What happened?
18. What would you like to change about the way your parents treated you as a child? A teenager? Why? How will you or have you raised your children differently?
19. Are you close with your father or mother now? What do you do together?
20. Do you resemble either of your parents? Are you similar in appearance or personality? How?
21. In your culture, do parents expect children to take care of them when they are older? In what way?