



THIRTY THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT DAD

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Do you ever find it hard to imagine that your parents were teenagers? Well, believe it or not, Mom and Dad were once like you. And if you feel like you don't know Dad as well as you could, here are 30 questions to ask him. Some of his answers might surprise you! Get your family involved and ask these questions at dinner or during family home evening. You can even make up some of your own questions. It's a fun way to get to know your dad—and do family history too! (Check out last month's questions for Mom at lds.org/go/mom6NE.)

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DAD'S NAME:

DAD'S BIRTHDATE:



1. What do you remember about the day I was born? Bonus points if you can remember the time of day!

2. Did your parents give you an allowance? How much was it?

3. Where was the first place you lived away from home? Do you have any crazy roommate stories?

4. If you had to go back to high school, what would you do differently?

5. What do/did you love most about your own dad?

6. What is the best Christmas or birthday gift you've ever received and given?

7. Name all the jobs you've had. Which was your favorite?

8. Which would you prefer: fishing by yourself or playing football with a big group?

9. Were you nervous about talking to girls as a teenager? Did you have friends who were girls?

10. Did you ever have a low point as a teenager? How did you get through it?

11. Tell me about a leader who impacted your life for good when you were a kid.

12. What was your favorite thing to do on the weekends?

13. Who were your friends from school and what did you do together for fun?

14. What was the first car you drove? Who taught you how to drive?

15. How did you decide whether to go to college? to go on a mission? to get married? which career to choose?

16. What was your reaction when you found out you would be a dad?

17. What do you appreciate most about your parents?

18. What is the most surprising thing you enjoy about being a father?

19. Tell me about your favorite family holiday traditions.

20. What is a food or dish that reminds you of a specific place or person?

21. Did you do any sports or clubs when you were a teen? If so, what are your favorite memories?

22. How did you decide on my name? Did you consider other names?

23. What is your favorite thing about your hometown?

24. Did you ever get really sick or have to go to the hospital? What happened?

25. What kinds of things did you collect as a kid?

26. What was the first concert you went to? How much did it cost?

27. If you could retire tomorrow, what would you do with your time?

28. What are your top five best memories?

29. What lessons would you like me to learn from your experiences growing up?

30. What is your favorite thing about being a husband?

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Did you realize that you're doing family history when you talk with your dad about his life? Don't let the stories he tells you fade. With his permission, record the stories he tells you in the "Memories" section of familysearch.org.

