

Open-Ended Questions to Ask Your Kids



- * What made you laugh today?
- * What was the most challenging part of your day?
- * What is challenging about being a part of this family?
- * What is your biggest fear?
- * What was your biggest success today?
- * What is the best part of being in this family?
- * What are you grateful for today?
- * What are you most proud of?
- * What teacher are you learning the most from?
- * What could your school do to make things more enjoyable?
- * What's coming up at school that you're excited about?
- * If you could go anywhere for a holiday, where would you go?
- * What would you do if you won a million dollars?
- * What is one thing you hope to change in the world?
- * What makes someone a good friend?
- * What was one nice thing you did for someone today?
- * Which of your friends do you most admire?
- * Do you know anyone at school who is being treated badly? How do you think they feel?
- * What do you like most about yourself?
- * What's your favourite family tradition?
- * What new family tradition would you like to start?
- * What do you like most about your brother/sister/best friend?
- * If you could be the inventor of one thing, what would it be?
- * If you could pick a different colour for snow, what colour would you pick?
- * How would you define "normal" as it relates to people you know?
- * Would you rather explore outer space or the bottom of the ocean? Why?
- * If you could help a friend stop one habit what would it be?
- * What is one way you are most influenced by your peers?
- * If you could merge any two musical instruments to create a new sound, which instruments would you mix?
- * If you could have any magical power what would it be?
- * If you could take a trip in a time machine, would you travel into the future or into the past?

- * If we gave you more freedom, in what specific situation or area would you want it to be?
- * What musical instrument's sound is your favourite? Why?
- * If you could build a tunnel to anyone place, where would your tunnel go?
- * If you found a box that was sealed and marked "Do Not Open" what would you do?
- * What is one thing you have improved at?
- * If you could make one new rule in your school, what would it be?
- * If you had to pick one person you trust most in the world, who would it be?
- * Name one thing you admire about yourself?
- * If you could do one specific thing for the environment, what would it be?
- * If you wanted us to trust you more in one area, what would it be?
- * Which song's lyrics best describe your life?
- * If you could get anything back that you lost or broke, what would it be?
- * If you had to spend a week studying something, what would you study?
- * Who do you feel comfortable talking with when you have a problem?
- * If you were given one minute on TV, what would you say or do?
- * When you daydream, what do you think about more often than anything else?
- * What do you forget to do more often than anything else?
- * What helps cheer you up when you're having a bad day?
- * What are you most curious to learn about as you get older?
- * What scares you most about growing old?
- * If you were given money to buy one thing that would fit in your room, what would you buy?
- * What's something about you that most people don't know?
- * What do you do to gain the respect of your friends?
- * If you had to give up video games (or TV/phone) for one year, what would you do with your extra time?
- * What are your top two highest ambitions for your future?
- * What is your earliest memory?
- * If you could train any wild animal to be a house pet, which animal would you choose?
- * What is your favourite time of day? year?
- * Which person in history would you like to meet?
- * What qualities are important to you in a friend?
- * What is one important lesson you learned from someone older than you?
- * What is your favourite thing to talk about with your friends?

Starters:

- * What would happen if.....?
- * What do you think about....?
- * I wonder...
- * In what way....
- * Tell me about...
- * How can we....?
- * What would you do...?
- * How did you....?
- * Why do you think...?
- * Would you rather.....?

