

Family interview kit

A small conversation, a clear permission check and a story record

Choose a subject the speaker wants to discuss, agree how the conversation may be used, then record one story. The [family interview guide](#) covers setup and listening.

Agree before starting

- May I take notes? _____
- May I record? _____
- Who may hear or read the result?

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- May it be printed? _____
 - May it be shared online? _____
 - Anything we should leave out?
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Passing or stopping is always allowed. A conversation does not itself grant permission to publish.

Original questions to choose from

1. What did an ordinary day look like in a place you remember well?
2. Who taught you something you still use?
3. What work are you proud of that we rarely ask about?
4. Which friendship changed a period of your life?
5. What small family tradition would you like someone to understand?
6. Which photograph would you like to explain?
7. When did a plan change in a way you did not expect?
8. What did you enjoy doing when you had more free time?
9. Which place would you like to visit with a younger relative?
10. What would you like us to ask about another time?

Ask one, then follow a detail: who was there, what happened next, or what did the place look like?

One story record

- Speaker's chosen name:

- Conversation date and place:

- Subject:

What happened

A detail in the speaker's own words

Approximate dates, or where accounts differ

- Related photograph or filename:

Keep the recording findable

Label files with a date, speaker and short subject. Keep a second copy in a place you control. Check that it opens before deleting an original.

Review the story with the speaker before sharing. Keep private notes separate from a public version.