

How Well Do You Know Your Parents? Teen Worksheet

You may live with your parents, spend hours a day with them and talk with them a lot. Still, there's much you don't know about them. This activity will help to make you aware of how much - or how little- you know your folks.

Directions: Answer these questions. At the same time your dad or mom (stepdad or stepmom) will answer the questions on "How Well Do You Know Your Son/Daughter?" When you are finished, exchange and correct each other's worksheets.

1. How did your parents meet?
2. What size shoe does your mom/dad wear?
3. If your mom/dad went on a trip to a foreign city, would she/he head first to a historic site or museum, the shopping streets, or a café? Circle one.
4. For a vacation, would your dad/mom prefer a luxury resort, a rustic mountain cabin, or resting at home? Circle one.
5. Which presidential candidate did you mom/dad vote for in the last election?
6. Does your mom/dad believe in love a first sight?
7. For a pleasant evening would your dad/mom rather watch TV with the family, sit alone and read, or go to dinner with friends? Circle one.
8. Does your dad/mom gas up the car as soon as the tank is half empty or when the fuel is nearly gone?
9. Does your mom/dad usually carry a photo of you in his/her wallet?
10. How old was your mom/dad on her/his first date?
11. If your mom/dad turned on the TV and found these choices, which would she/he pick: a football game, a soap opera, an old-movie - or would she/he turn off the set? Circle one.
12. Which of these can't your mom/dad do: touch his/her toes, do a headstand, rewire a lamp, replace the spark plugs, sew a shirt? Circle one.
13. What was your mom/dad's first full time job?
14. Who are your mom/dad's closest friends?
15. What gift would your mom/dad most like to receive?
16. If your mom/dad could have you do anything for three hours, what would it be?

Summary: If you get more than 15 right, congratulations-you really know your folks! From 11-15? Not bad, but try to pay a little more attention. Fewer than 11? You need a crash course called "Mom and Dad 101."

Remember: Knowing or wanting to find out about someone shows that you truly care. What's more, it can be fun.

Note: In the future, you might enjoy making up another "How Well Do You Know Your Son/Daughter?" test for your parents to take, and ask them to make up a "How Well Do You Know Your Parent?" test for you to take.

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