Childhood and memories: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

Where were you born?

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Where did you live when you were a child?

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What was your favourite toy or game?

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Who was your best friend at school?

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What did you like eating?

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Were you a good student?

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What did you do in the summer holidays?

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What did you want to be?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

What is your earliest memory?

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What did you use to do that you never do now?

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Tell me about a time you got into trouble.

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What were you afraid of as a child?

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What did you and your friends do after school?

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Which smell, song or food takes you straight back to childhood?

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What rule did you think was unfair?

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What is the best thing your parents did for you?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Was childhood really simpler, or do we only remember it that way?

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How different is growing up today from when you were young?

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How reliable are our memories of childhood?

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What do adults forget about being a child?

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Do children today have too little freedom?

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Which childhood experience shaped the adult you became?

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Is it better to grow up in a city or in the countryside?

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What would you tell your ten-year-old self?

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Useful language

- When I was a child, I used to...
- I remember + -ing...
- I was allowed to... / I wasn't allowed to...
- We would spend hours...
- I'll never forget the day...
- It reminds me of...

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