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12 questions to ask your dad this Thanksgiving

The whole family is at the table. Print this page, slip it in your pocket, and pick the question that gets Dad talking. Then press record, so you can listen again whenever you want.

The 12 questions

There is no right order. Start with the easy ones, and let the stories lead.

01 What was life like for you when you were my age?

02 How did you and Mom meet, and when did you know?

03 What do you remember about the day I was born?

04 What was the hardest thing you got through, and what helped?

05 What are you proudest of that nobody ever asks about?

06 What did you want to be when you were a kid?

07 What is the best advice you ever got, and who gave it to you?

08 What is one thing you would do differently?

09 What was your first job, and what did it teach you?

10 Which family story do you want me to be able to tell my own kids?

11 What do you hope I never stop doing?

12 What do you want me to know that is hard to say at the dinner table?

How to ask Dad

You do not need a studio. You need a quiet corner, a phone, and a few minutes.

1. Pick one question.

Not twelve. Choose the one that makes Dad smile, and start there.

2. Phone on the table, press record.

A quiet corner and good light is enough. No studio, no script.

3. Ask “and then what happened?”

The best answers are the second and third ones.

4. Listen. Don’t correct.

Let Dad tell it his way, even if the dates are wrong.

Keep the answers, in Dad’s own face and voice

AskDadLater is a private family video vault. Dad records real video answers, with no AI avatar and no voice cloning, and each child gets a private vault with what was left for them. You can export everything at any time.

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