



THE BEST QUESTIONS TO ASK MOM AND DAD AND ESSENTIAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Use the questions on the left to help you mine the best of mom and dad's ideas and advice. Then, use their responses as a launch point for the questions on the right. The combination of these answers may very well help illuminate something about yourself that is worth communicating to admissions. It may also facilitate some accidental parent/child bonding?

Miracles do happen.



Ask mom and dad...



What were some of my earliest interests?
How did I demonstrate this?

In your opinion, when do I seem happiest?
Can you think of any specific examples?



Now ask yourself...



Do I still care about these things? How might they have changed over time? How have they remained constant? To what do I attribute these interests?

Why does this kind of thing bring me so much joy?
What specifically excites me about it?
Do I have any stories to tell about these things?
What do they reveal about me?



Ask mom and dad...
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From your perspective, what kinds of things seem to upset me most? Are there any stories that come to mind?

What was I like as a child? Are there any anecdotes from my past that capture the essence of me? What's one story you love to tell about me?



Now ask yourself...
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Sometimes the things that bother us are also the things that inspire us to enact change. If you are most upset by litter on the beach, does it point to a budding interest in global or environmental issues? Are you someone that can't stand bullying and feel passionate about teaching empathy to young people? How do the things that upset you inspire you as well?

How does it feel to hear these stories about myself? Do I recognize myself in them? How am I still like that child that my parents describe? How am I different?



Ask mom and dad...
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If you could design the ideal job for me, what would it be and why? Are there any specific stories about me that make you feel this way?



Now ask yourself...
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Do I agree? What qualities or traits do I possess that would lend themselves to this work? Does this highlight anything about myself that I'd want to share with admissions officers?

MAXED OUT ON FAMILY BONDING,
BUT STILL NEED HELP WITH YOUR ESSAY?



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