

How Well Do You Know Your Parents?

This is the last Day 6 morning assembly before the Christmas. Very soon you'll have the Christmas Holiday you have been waiting long. I think many of you may have already planned to enjoy the holiday with your friends. But don't forget that after the Christmas holiday, the 1st term examination will come. Get ready for that.

This morning I'm not going to give you a speech on important issues. I have prepared a small game for you. The game starts with a questionnaire about your parents.

In this IT era, many young people, like you, make use of the internet or electronic communication platforms, like the Facebook, Blog or webpages, to know their friends and idols. They know their hobbies, favourite things, and even what they love or hate.

But how well do you know your parents? Your parents bring you up, provide all your needs and live together with you for so many years.

“Do you know the job your father is now doing?” It is a simple, may be even a silly questions for some of you. I've asked many students this question and quite a lot replied that: “Sorry, sir, I don't know!” As a father, I feel very upset if my child doesn't even know what I am doing every day. But I'm not astonished to hear the reply. Once there was a survey on the communication pattern in Hong Kong families. The research found that, on average, quite a lot of fathers in Hong Kong talked to their children less than 6 minutes every day.

We may live with our parents, spend many years with them, and even talk with them a lot. Still, there's much we don't know about them. Not to say that we only talk to each other less than 6 minutes a day in the family.

On this ground, I prepare this game for you ---- try to find out some facts about your parents and find time to talk to them for better understanding. This activity may make us be aware of how much — or how little — we know about our parents.

I have prepared 30 questions about your parents for you. Your class teacher will help me to give you the question set after the morning assembly.

Take a pen and answer the 30 questions about your parent(s). The questions are

in English and you may translate them for your parents if needed. After that, talk to your dad or mom and check the answers. If you only have one parent at home or live with another relative or adult, please just answer the questions about that adult. Ask your parents to mark your answers, sign the reply slip and return it to the school office. I've prepared a small gift for each of the first 20 students who return the slip with 20 correct answers to me. The last day to submit your reply slip will be 14 December.

I hope you will enjoy the game and most importantly, understand your parents better and show that you care for them. Christmas is a time for the family, not just for your friends.

Wish you a merry Christmas and a fruitful year in 2010.

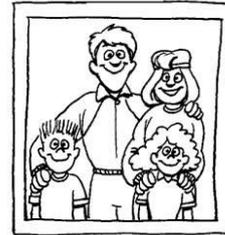
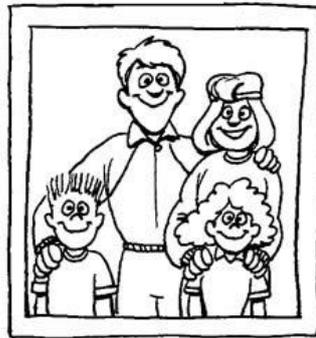
Thank you and have a nice day of study.

(Adapted from Family Health Council, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.)

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Instructions: Spend a few minutes to answer the following questions about your mom/dad. After that, talk to them and check the answers. If you only have one parent at home or live with another relative or adult, please just answer the questions about that adult. Ask your parents to mark your results, sign the reply slip and return it to the school office. A gift will be given to the first 20 students who return the slip and have got 20 questions correct. The last day to submit your reply slip is 14 December 2009.

Question	Answer	Results (✓ if correct)
1. The nationality in original (原籍/籍貫) of your parents.		
2. What were your parents' first full-time job after leaving school?		
3. What are your parents' current job, their position in the company and their income (roughly)?		
4. The names of your parents' three best friends?		
5. Who do your parents dislike the most?		
6. Who will your parents talk to first if they have a problem?		
7. What really irritates your parents?		
8. What are your parents' greatest strengths?		
9. What are your parents' greatest weaknesses?		
10. Who has inspired your parents the most?		
11. Who has influenced your parents' thoughts and behaviours most?		
12. What are your parents putting most of their energy into right now?		
13. What personal problems are your parents trying to resolve recently?		
14. What are your parents' health concerns?		
15. Who are your parents' closest friend?		
16. Which legislative council candidate did your parents vote for in the last election?		
17. When are your parents' favourite time of day?		
18. What are your parents' favourite movies?		
19. What are your parents' favourite childhood stories?		



20. What are your parents' favourite pastimes or hobbies?		
21. What are your parents' favourite colours?		
22. What are your parents' favourite foods or meals?		
23. What are your parents' favourite songs, bands, or singers?		
24. What are your parents' favourite books?		
25. What are your parents' favourite sports?		
26. What gift would your parents like to receive most?		
27. Does your parents have any idols? If yes, what are their names?		
28. Does your parents usually carry a photo of you (or your brothers/sisters) in their wallets?		
29. If your parents turned on the TV and found these choices, which would they choose: a football game, soap opera, old movie, documentary — or turn off the set?		
30. When did your parents know each other? Do you know the date of the wedding anniversary of your parents?		



Reply Slip

(The last date to submit the reply slip is 14 December 2009.)

TO: The Principal

FR: Parent of _____ (Name of student) (Class ____No.____)

(Name and Signature of Parent: _____)

RE: How Well Do You Know Your Parents?

I certify that my child has asked me to verify the answers for the above questions.

He/She has got _____ correct answers out of the 30 questions.
