

DE SPECIALE PERSOON

These first questions give us some **basic information** about you. They set the stage and help us to begin to get to know you.

<p>1. Hoe heet je?</p> <p>Ik heet ____</p> <p>Hij heet / Zij heet</p>	<p><i>What is your name?</i></p> <p><i>I call myself ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She calls himself/ ____</i></p>
<p>2. Wil je ..., of wil je liever een andere naam?</p> <p>Ik wil liever ____</p> <p>Hij zijwil liever ____</p>	<p><i>Do you prefer ____ or another name?</i></p> <p><i>I prefer ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She prefers ____</i></p>
<p>3. In welke klas zit je?</p> <p>Ik zit in de ____ klas</p> <p>Hij/zij zit in de ____ klas</p>	<p><i>What grade are you in?</i></p> <p><i>I am in grade ____.</i></p> <p><i>He/She is in grade ____.</i></p>

<p>4. Hoe oud ben je?</p> <p>Ik ben ____ jaar.</p> <p>Hij/zij is ____ jaar.</p>	<p><i>How old are you?</i></p> <p><i>I am ____ years old.</i></p> <p><i>He/She is ____ years old.</i></p>
<p>5. Waar woon je?</p> <p>Ik woon in ____</p> <p>Hij/zij woont in ____</p>	<p><i>Where do you live?</i></p> <p><i>I live in ____.</i></p> <p><i>He/She lives in ____.</i></p>
<p>6. Waar kom je vandaan?</p> <p>Ik kom uit ____</p> <p>Hij/zij komt uit ____</p>	<p><i>Where are you from?</i></p> <p><i>I am from ____.</i></p> <p><i>He/She is from ____.</i></p>

Meer basisvragen:

Wanneer ben je jarig?	<i>When is your birthday?</i>
Vind je het leuk om in te wonen?	<i>Do you like living in ____?</i>
Ben je nieuw hier?	<i>Are you new here?</i>
Hoelang woon je hier al?	<i>For how many years have you lived here?</i>

The following are the questions that get to the **interesting details** about a person. The questions below in **RED** will definitely be asked, and others may be.

<p>Wat vind je leuk om te doen?</p> <p>Ik vind ____ leuk.</p> <p>Hij/zij vindt ____ leuk.</p>	<p>What do you like to do?</p> <p><i>I like ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She likes ____</i></p>
<p>Wat vind je nog meer leuk om te doen?</p> <p>... vind ik ook leuk.</p> <p>... vindt hij/zij ook leuk.</p>	<p>What else do you like to do?</p> <p><i>I also like ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She also likes ____</i></p>
<p>Wat kun jij heel goed? Kun je iets speciaals?</p> <p>Ja, ik kan ____</p> <p>Nee, ik kan niets speciaals.</p> <p>Hij/zij kan ____</p>	<p>What are you really good at? Is there anything special you can do?</p> <p><i>Yes, I can ____</i></p> <p><i>No, there is nothing special I can do.</i></p> <p><i>He/She can ____</i></p>

Hij/zij zegt dat hij/zij niets bijzonders kan.	<i>He/she says that he/she cannot do anything special.</i>
<p>Wat zou je later willen doen?</p> <p>Ik zou willen ...</p> <p>Hij/zij zou willen...</p>	<p><i>What would you like to do in the future?</i></p> <p><i>I would like to_____</i></p> <p><i>He/she would like to...</i></p>
<p>Waar zou je naartoe willen reizen?</p> <p>Ik zou naar ... willen gaan.</p> <p>Hij/zij zou naar ... willen gaan.</p>	<p><i>Where would you like to travel?</i></p> <p><i>I would like to go to_____</i></p> <p><i>He/she would like to go to ...</i></p>
<p>Waar zou je willen wonen?</p> <p>Ik zou in ... willen wonen.</p> <p>Hij/zij zou in ... willen wonen.</p>	<p><i>Where would you like to live?</i></p> <p><i>I would like to live in_____</i></p> <p><i>He/she would like to live in_____</i></p>

<p>Wat kun je nog niet zo goed?</p> <p>Ik kan nog niet zo goed ...</p> <p>Hij/zij kan nog niet zo goed</p>	<p><i>What can you not do very well yet?</i></p> <p><i>I can't ... very well yet</i></p> <p><i>He/She can't ... very well yet.</i></p>
<p>Wat moet je doen dat je niet leuk vindt?</p> <p>Ik moet ____</p> <p>Hij/zij moet ____</p>	<p><i>What do you have to do that you don't like much?</i></p> <p><i>I have to ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She has to ____</i></p>
<p>Hoe help je andere mensen?</p> <p>Ik help hen door te ____</p> <p>Hij/zij helpt hen door te ____</p>	<p><i>How do you help other people?</i></p> <p><i>I help them by ____</i></p> <p><i>He/She helps them by ____</i></p>

Heb je een dier?	<i>Do you have an animal?</i>
Heb je een huisdier?	<i>Do you have a pet?</i>
Heb je andere dieren?	<i>Do you have any other animals?</i>
Heb je een bijbaantje?	<i>Do you have a job?</i>
Houd je van muziek? Welke muziek vind je leuk?	<i>Do you like music? What kind of music____?</i>
Bespeel je een instrument?	<i>Do you play an instrument?</i>
Doe je aan sport?	<i>Do you play a sport?</i>
Wat zijn jouw lievelings-games?	<i>What are your favorite video games?</i>
Wat lees je graag?	<i>What do you like to read?</i>
Welke vakken heb je?	<i>What classes do you have?</i>

Wat is jouw lievelingsvak (naast Nederlandse les)?	<i>Besides Dutch class, what is your favorite class?</i>
Zit je bij een club?	<i>Are you in a club?</i>
Zou je naar de universiteit willen? Naar welke universiteit zou je willen gaan?	<i>Would you like to go to a university? Which university would you like to go to?</i>
Wat zou je willen studeren? Wat zou je willen leren?	<i>What would you like to study? What would you like to learn?</i>
Wat is je lievelingseten? Wat eet je graag?	<i>What are your favorite foods? What do you like to eat?</i>
Heb je een vriendje/vriendin?	<i>Do you have a boyfriend / girlfriend?</i>

Heb je broers en zussen?	<i>Do you have any siblings?</i>
Heb je veel familie in de buurt?	<i>Do you have much family nearby?</i>
Wat heb je afgelopen zomer gedaan?	<i>What did you do last summer?</i>
Wat heb je afgelopen weekend gedaan?	<i>What did you do last weekend?</i>
Vond je het leuk?	<i>Did you like it?</i>
Waar ben je naartoe geweest?	<i>Where did you go?</i>
Met wie ging je?	<i>Who did you go with?</i>
Wat vond je het leukste aan de vakantie?	<i>What was your favorite part of the vacation?</i>
Wat is er nog meer?	<i>What else / more is there?</i>

MORE QUESTIONS

We are asking kids to tell us the stories that will connect us all. These are not family secrets, or tragedies or deeply personal items, but we are asking for a glimpse into what makes us all tick. We are all working on becoming better human beings and we want to allow our students to share that growth with us and with one another.

LIFE PURPOSE QUESTIONS

All work stinks sometimes, so ask your students____

- What is the thing that you have to do at this time in your life that you dislike the least? • What unpleasant duties do you have that you are able to handle well?
- What is there about your life now that would make your 8 year old self cry? • What dreams did you used to have?
- What makes you forget to eat?
- What activity is there that you do that makes you forget everything else because it is so engrossing to you?

- If you had to leave your house every day, where would you go?
- What would you do? Crashing on a friend's couch, hanging out at a coffee shop, and playing video games do not count.

You will have to do something all day, every day. What would you do?

GETTING BETTER

Get busy doing something. Develop some skill. Get good at it. Passion is the result of action, not the cause of it. Pick a problem that you want to help solve. Getting good at something worthwhile means being awful at it at first.

- What do you want to get good at?
- What do you enjoy getting better at?
- What do you enjoy competing at?
- How can you embarrass yourself better?
- How are you going to help save the world?

WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE KNOWN FOR

- If you knew you were going to die in one year, what would you do? • How would you want to be remembered?
- What would you want your obituary to say?
- What are people going to say about you when you are gone?
- What are the stories they are going to tell about you?

To live happy, healthy and productive lives we have to hold on to values that are greater than our own pleasure or satisfaction.

WHAT WILL YOU STRUGGLE FOR?

If we were to ask you, “What do you want out of your life?” You would probably say something like, “I want to be happy and have a great family and a job I like,” But that is generic answer that almost everybody would come close to, so it doesn’t really mean anything.

Some more interesting questions, question that most of us have never been asked before are:

“What pain are you willing to have in your life? What are you willing to struggle for?”

What determines your success isn’t “What do you want to enjoy?” The question is, “What pain do you want to bear?” The quality of your life is not determined by the quality of your possessions, but the amount of struggle you are willing to experience on the way to achieving your goals. You have to get good at dealing with negative experiences in order to get good at dealing with life.

You stick with things you enjoy. Will power only goes so far. It cannot compete with emotional attachment. Unless you are emotionally rewarded you will not stick with it.

- What is one thing that you want to do in your life?
- What are you missing in your life? How can we help you with that?
- What is one thing that really bothers you?
- When you were a little kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Find out what they are interested in and start asking them about it.
- What makes you smile?
- What do you really like, but hesitate to admit?
- What makes life exciting for you?
- What is your greatest dream for your life?

QUESTIONS THAT BUILD RAPPORT

- What do you love in life?
- What makes you happy?
- What is the craziest thing you’ve ever done?
- What is unique and exciting about you?

- What are your guilty pleasures?
- What is one thing you can't say no to?
- What do your friends like the most about you?
- What is your biggest dream?
- What are some things in your life that you are most proud of?
- If you could wake up tomorrow and be any place, where would it be and why?
- What is the most important life lesson you've learned so far?
- What is your story?
- What is a favorite memory from your childhood?

PERSONAL STORIES TO GET KIDS TO OPEN UP

We talk with students and engage them to help us all overcome loneliness, isolation and anxiety. We obviously can't ask kids "So what do you do for a living?"

"It doesn't interest me what you do for a living, I want to know what you ache for and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing."

–The Invitation by Oriah

- What do you do for fun? This is a much better question.

Also, the classroom interviews are not sneak attacks to label kids and put them in some power order according to approved activities. We are not trying to figure out who are the alphas in the room. Personal stories are equalizers. Questioning like this helps kids to overcome shyness. They get to listen to each other's stories. We get to break through the walls and get to the place of sharing.

In these classroom conversations it is interesting to keep in mind that the origin of the word "conversation" has to do with how we conduct ourselves in the world, how we keep company with one another, how we treat people, how we live:

These questions are not intended to get us to a certain point; they let the interviewee decide where it goes. We are just trying to get to know one another. We are putting kids in a situation where they can be the hero of the story, if they wish, rather than the victim that so many of them see themselves. Ask about the 4 F's: foods, films, fears and fabulous things. Ask about books and teachers.

FOODS, FILMS, FEARS, FABULOUS

- When you have guests at your house, what do you (or what does your family) cook for them? • Does this food have to do with your family heritage?
- What memories or associations do you have with bread?
- Tell us about a movie that made you cry.
- Who would you want play you in a movie?
- What is your favorite funny movie?

- What is a fear you have overcome?
- Has there ever been a time in your life that you have overcome racism?
- What is one of the nicest things that anyone has ever done for you?
- Tell us about a time that you discovered you were stronger than you thought you were.

TEACHERS & BOOKS

- Who was your 'Dumbledore'? Who was your favorite teacher in middle school? Elementary school?
- How has a book you have read affected you?

OTHER QUESTIONS

- What are three words that best describe you?
- If you were made the mayor of your city for one day, what would you do?
- What stresses you out?
- Whom do you envy?
- How would you know that a guy/girl was right for you? • What makes him/her stand out from the rest?
- Do you believe in love at first sight?
- Is it possible to fall in love just by looking into someone's eyes?