



# Childhood

## Common questions

**Part 1** - Did you enjoy your childhood?

**Part 1** - What do you miss most about being a child?

**Part 2** - Describe a memorable childhood experience.

**Part 3** - What do you want to provide your children that you didn't have when you were growing up?

**Part 3** - Do you think childhood passions can be pursued as career in life?

**Part 3** - Do you think it is better for children to grow up in a city or in the countryside?

## Vocabulary and expressions

**Hyperactive (adj)** - more energy than is normal and gets excited easily.

*I was quite a hyperactive child and that made my parents upset!*

**Born and bred (phr)** - born and grew up in a particular place.

*I was born and bred in a small town in the south of England.*

**Gifted (adj)** - having special ability in a particular subject or activity.

*My sister was a gifted student and got a lot of the attention.*

**Fond (adj)** - to like someone or something very much; to like doing something.

*I was really fond of Pokemon as a child.*

**Obsessed (adj)** - unable to stop thinking about something; too interested in something.

*Some say I was obsessed with Pokemon!*

**Adolescent (n)** - a young person who is developing into an adult.

*I was quite difficult and rude to my parents as an adolescent.*

**Authoritarian (adj)** - demanding that people obey completely.

*I had very authoritarian parents so I hope to give my child more freedom.*

**Strict (adj)** - strongly limiting someone's freedom to behave as they wish.

*My high school teachers were so strict but they taught me to study hard.*

**Spoil (v)** - to treat someone very or too well, especially by being extremely generous.

*My parents spoilt me as a child; I think they should have been more strict with me.*

**Spontaneous (adj)** - happening naturally, without planning or encouragement.

*My sister was really spontaneous and would suddenly go on trips without telling us.*