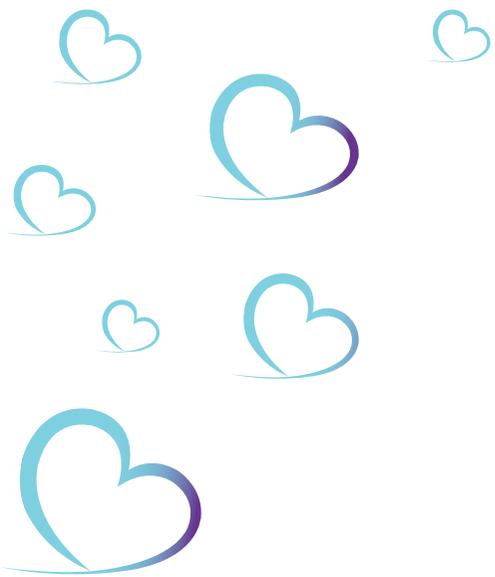




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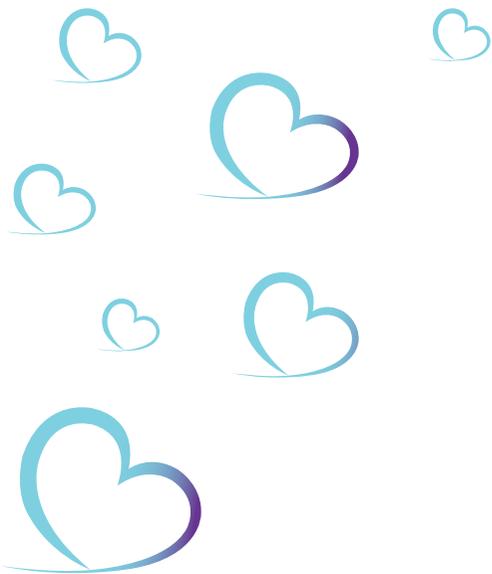
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How well do you know the people who matter most to you?

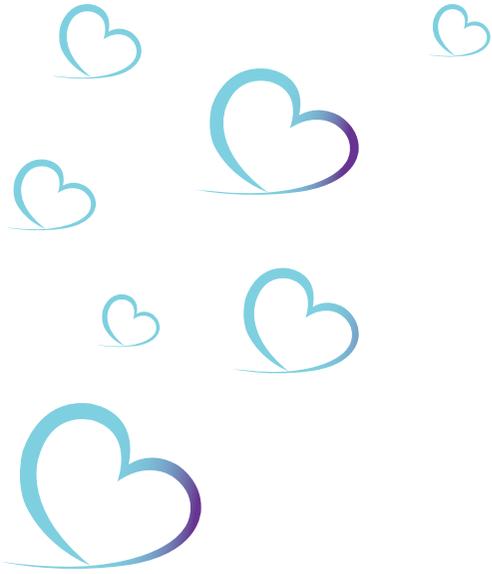




Why the Talk?

Although we may know about some of the significant people, places and events that have shaped the lives of our loved ones, we don't know everything.

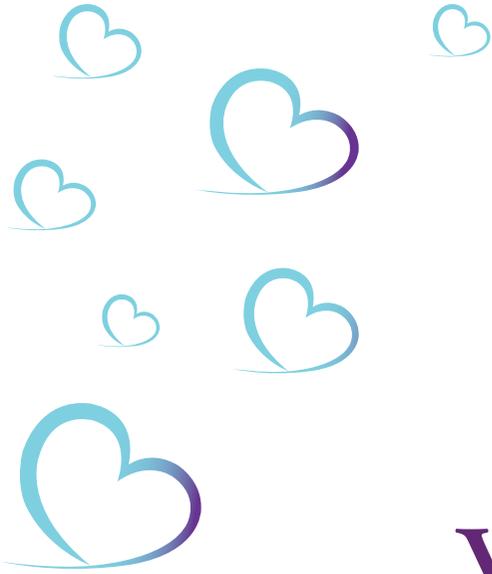




Why the Talk?

Sitting down with loved ones to talk about their lives can be rich and satisfying. Learning about memorable events, people, places, values and lessons they have learned can help bring you closer to people you care about most.

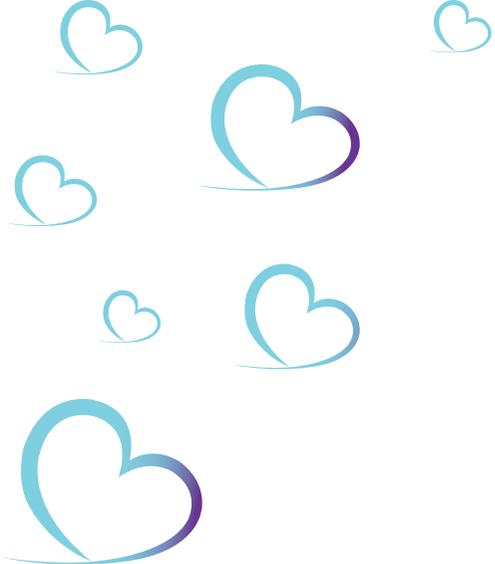




Why the Talk?

Sharing stories with loved ones can help you get to know them in new and different ways and can deepen and strengthen your relationship with them. Talking can help you (and them) better understand the life they lead – and give both of you a new appreciation for their unique life story.



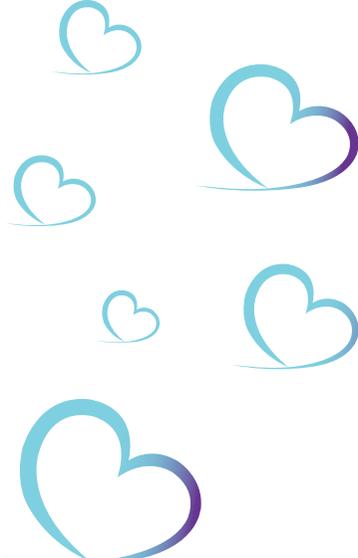


The Talk of a Lifetime; A meaningful conversation

Tips for starting the conversation:

- *There are no rules*
- *Do not stress over how or when you will have the talk*
- *Rely on open-ended questions that require more than a one-word answer*





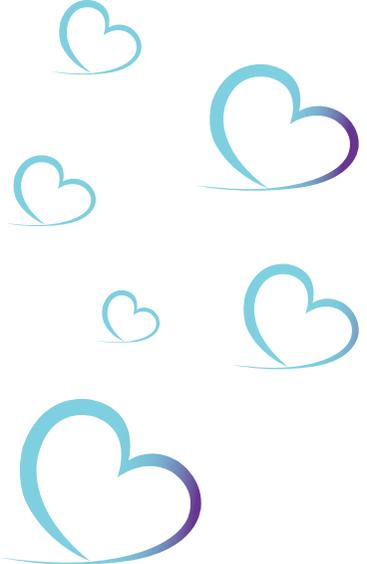
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Tips for starting the conversation:

- *During your conversation, your loved one may want to talk about something they have never shared before. Listen carefully with an open mind and heart. Avoid passing judgment.*
- *If you mention a topic that your loved one is uncomfortable discussing, respect his or her wishes and move on.*
- *Family photos, heirlooms and other treasured items may help start a conversation and bring memories flooding back.*

Just start talking.





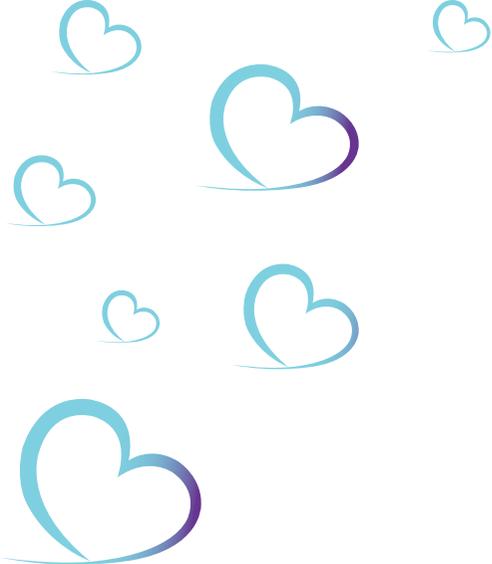
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Questions; Getting to know you again

Examples:

- *How would you describe yourself as a child? What is your best memory of your childhood?*
- *When you were a child, what did you think your life would be like in the future? How is it similar? How is it different?*





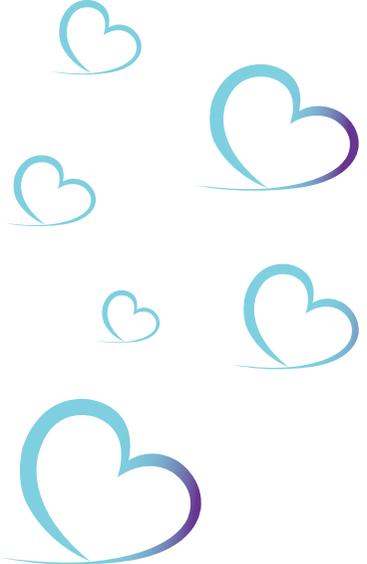
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Questions; About the people in their life

Examples:

- *What are you proudest of in life?*
- *What has been the happiest moment in your life? The saddest?*
- *Do you have any regrets or things you wish you had handled differently?*





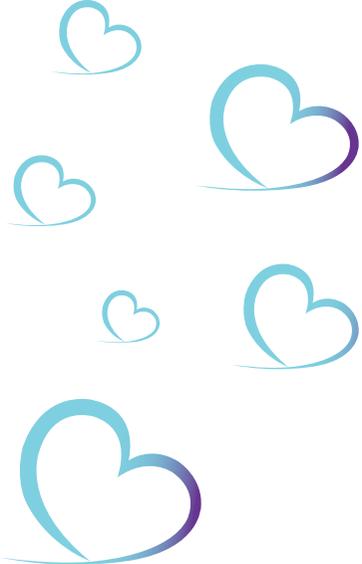
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Questions; About the people in their life

Examples:

- *Tell me about your parents. What were they like when you were growing up? What did you learn from them?*
- *Tell me about your sisters and/or brothers. Were you close to them when you were growing up? How has your relationship with them changed?*





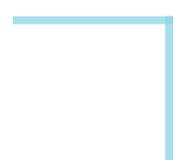
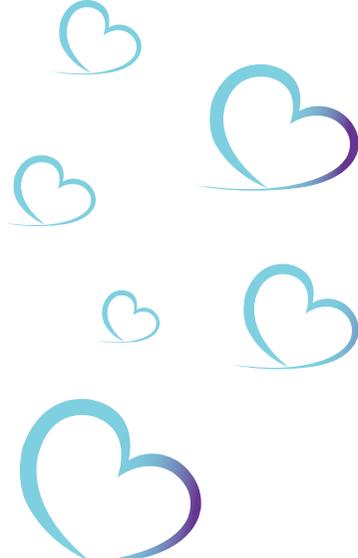
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Questions; About the people in their life

Examples:

- *Who is your best friend? What made you such good friends?*
- *What is your favorite memory of him/her? Tell me about other friends you've had.*
- *What was the nicest thing one of your friends ever did for you?*



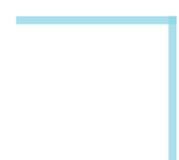
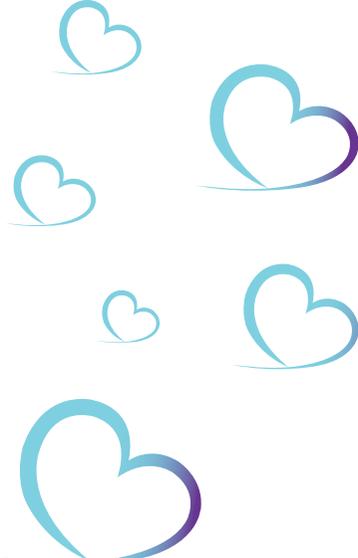


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Questions; Lessons for future generations

Examples:

- *What are the most important lessons you've learned in life?*
- *What words of wisdom would you pass on to me?
Do you have advice you'd want to pass on to other people who matter to you?*
- *How would you like people to remember you? What words do you hope will be used to describe you and your life?*

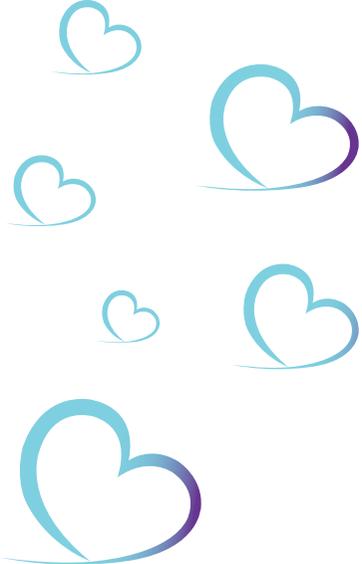


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Questions; Special objects

Examples:

- *Photos: Looking back at this photo, how do you feel about it now?*
- *Mementos: What is the history of this item as you know it? Why is it special to you?*
- *Collections: How and when did you start collecting these items? Which was the first item in your collection? Which one is most special to you?*



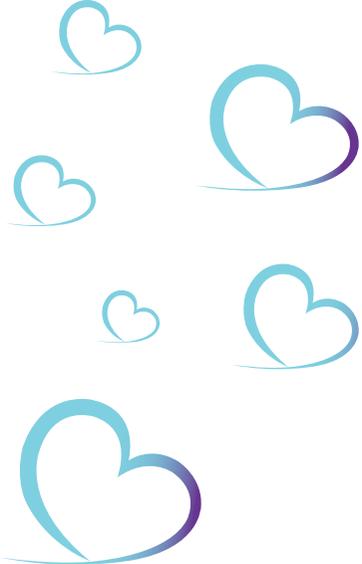
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These conversations can be an opportunity for you to share your treasured memories of them as well.

Thank them

Sharing memories will help your loved ones understand how important they are to you. They will see that their life matters.



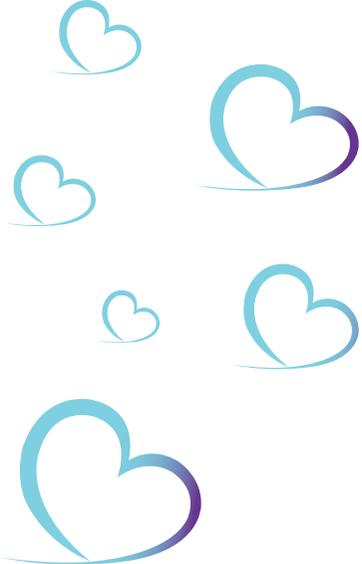


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Choose whatever method is most appropriate given the setting of your conversation and your loved one's level of comfort.

- *Take note*
- *Audio*
- *Video*





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The things you discuss will help you get to know your loved one better, appreciate their life story and get a glimpse of the legacy that they will one day leave behind.

