

# Student Interview Sample Questions

Ask questions at low levels of difficulty and progress in difficulty.

Grade	Low Level	Moderate Level	High Level
K-1	What is your name? How old are you? What is your favorite color?	Tell me about someone in your family. What do you like to do with your friends? What shows do you like to watch on TV? What foods don't you like? Why?	How is a dog different from a cat? How is a dog the same as a cat? What is your favorite book or movie? Tell me why. What would you do if you fell down and hurt your knee?
2-5	What is your name? How old are you? When is your birthday?	What would you want to do on your next birthday? What is your favorite game? How do you play it? What do you like to do with friends/family? What foods don't you like? Tell me why. What kind of food do you like? Tell me why.	What is your favorite subject in school? Tell me why. How is a banana different from an orange? How is a banana the same as an orange? Describe your favorite book/movie. Can you tell me about a character in a book/movie? If you could have one wish, what would it be? Why?
6-8	What is your name? Where do you live? Tell me about someone in your family. What do you like to do after school?	What do you like to do on the weekends? What shows do you like to watch on TV? What kind of music do you not like to listen to? Tell me about your favorite [sports team, video game, toy, or hobby].	What is your favorite subject in school? Why? Convince me why I should like your favorite [sports team or video game]. How is a television different from/the same as a computer? Tell me about a special place you have been to. Explain why this place is special to you. Your best friend is crying. What would you do?
9-12	What is your favorite color? Where do you live? Tell me about a special person in your life.	Tell me about your favorite family trip. What kind of books do you like to read? What is your favorite TV show? Tell me why.	What job would you never want to do? Tell me why. How is a car different from/the same as a motorcycle? Tell me something I might not know about the place you were born. What would do if there was a fire in the house? Describe a job that you think is useful for society. Explain why. Describe your favorite teacher, friend, or family member.

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