

20 Creative Conversation Starters for Parent Input

How to Use These Questions

Parent input doesn't have to mean handing out a form and waiting for it to come back. Sometimes the most valuable insights come from a genuine conversation. The questions below are designed to spark connection and storytelling, not just quick answers. Use a few of them during phone calls, meetings, or casual check-ins to help parents share what they know best their child. You don't need to ask all 20; simply choose the ones that feel most natural for the moment.

Getting to Know the Whole Child

1. If your child had an hour completely to themselves, how would they most like to spend it?	
2. What's something your child could talk about for hours if given the chance?	
3. Who does your child look up to in your family, the community, or even online?	
4. If your child could be famous for something, what would it be?	
5. What's a story that always makes your child laugh?	

Strengths & Passions

6. When does your child seem most confident or proud of themselves?	
7. If your child could choose any class to add to their school day, what would it be?	
8. What's the "spark" you see in your child the thing that lights them up?	
9. How does your child show kindness or care for others at home or in the community?	

10. If your child could teach their classmates one thing, what would it be?

Challenges in a Positive Frame

11. What part of the day tends to be hardest for your child?

12. If your child gets frustrated, what usually helps them bounce back?

13. Are there situations where your child surprises you with resilience?

14. What's one small change at school that you think would make a big difference for your child?

15. If your child could skip one kind of task forever, what would it be?

Social & Emotional Insights

16. Who are the people your child feels most comfortable with?

17. What's one way your child likes to connect with others (games, jokes, stories, activities)?

18. If your child had to choose a "superpower," which one would fit them best and why?

19. How does your child usually show you they're stressed, even if they don't say it out loud?

20. What's something about your child's personality that you wish their teachers could see more of?