

CHILDHOOD

Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!

- Would you consider your childhood a good one? Why/not?
 - Would you want to journey back in time and experience childhood again? Why/not?
 - On a scale of one to ten, with ten the highest score, how would you rate your parents? In other words, did you have fantastic parents, terrible parents, or just average parents?
 - Do you think you'll make a good parent (or are you a good parent now)? Why/not?
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- How would you define childhood? How does your answer compare with your classmates? Discuss for several minutes.
 - At what age does childhood end and adulthood begin? Why do you think so?
 - Some people believe that your teenage years are the best years of your life. Other people vehemently disagree, and actually loathed their childhood. How about you?
 - If you had to choose an adjective to describe your childhood, which adjective would it be?
 - If you could change one aspect of your childhood, what would you change? Why?
 - Let's say you changed that aspect of your childhood. Consider the ramifications and decide how your life would now be different. Please explain.
 - What is your earliest memory from childhood? Why do you think you remember it? How about your best memory?
 - Let's say you could experience something from your childhood again, such as your first kiss, a birthday party, and so on. What would you like to experience again? Why?
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- Do you believe the children of today behave better or worse than when you were a child? Please explain.
 - Are you of the opinion that the children of today grow up too quickly? Why/not?
 - Do you believe the children of today know less than when you were a child? Why/not?
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- Which is of greater importance, how you are raised or your genes? Why do you think so?
- How much does money affect the quality of a person's childhood?
- How much does neighborhood, school, and friends affect a person's childhood? Would you be the same person, more or less, had you been raised somewhere else?
- How much does divorce or an absentee parent affect a person's childhood? Please explain.
- Finish these sentences: As a child, you should...
As a child, you shouldn't... Why did you complete the sentences as you did? Discuss with a partner.

