Here & Ever THE FAMILY STORY STUDIO

Ten questions to help a parent tell one story

Choose one photograph, object or familiar place. Try a question and follow the story; you do not need to finish the list. Before recording, ask permission and agree who may hear it. Your relative can skip a topic or stop whenever they wish.

Start with one memory

01 What do you remember that this photograph does not show?

02 If I stood beside you that day, what would I have seen or heard?

03 Who was with you, and what were they like?

04 What happened just before this moment?

05 What small detail do you remember most clearly?

06 Was there anything surprising about that day?

07 Is there someone else we should remember in this story?

08 What would you like our family to understand about this memory?

If the memory leads to a wider story

09 What did an ordinary morning look like when you lived there?

10 How did you get to school or work, and who went with you?

When a story begins follow it

What happened next? • Who else was there?
Can you describe that? • Is there more you want to add?

Leave room for thinking pauses. Note uncertain names or dates rather than guessing. Permission to record does not mean permission to publish. Keep saved recordings private and backed up.

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