

Tips on Interviewing a Partner

1. **Yes/No questions** are okay to start with, but you always need to ask follow up questions that use the **5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)** and **“How”** if you want interesting or useful information.
2. Don't be afraid to say, “Tell me more!” if your partner is being too short in their responses.
3. Sometimes, sharing your own story or experience can help your partner to feel more comfortable sharing theirs. Interviewing is “a game of give and take.”
4. Keep things light (laugh, joke, have fun), but don't be afraid to ask about negative things. Negative experiences and stories can be more interesting than positive ones.
5. If your partner seems uncomfortable with a topic, feel free to move on to another topic.

Prompts

- “What was it like growing up in your hometown?”
- “What's the biggest struggle you've ever faced?”
- “What would you say is the most important thing you've learned in university so far?”
- “Do you have any hobbies or pursuits that you are really passionate about?”
- “Are there any famous performers or entertainers that you absolutely hate?”
- “What is the most challenging loss you've ever faced in your life?”
- “Are you the kind of person who needs alone time, or are you someone who gets energy from being around people?”
- “When you have some free time and no work to do, what do you like doing with your time?”
- “Everyone makes mistakes, of course. Have you ever made a major mistake in your life? How did you deal with it?”
- “Are you a confident person? Why/Why not?”
- “What are your most important goals in life? How are you pursuing them?”
- “When you die, what things do you hope people will remember about you?”