



Grandparent Talk

Manufacturer: Around the Table

Recommended Age: 4+ **Retail Price:** \$9.99

Buy it here: www.swww.com, www.educationalwarehouse.com

On the web: www.aroundthetablegames.com

SUMMARY

Around the Table Grandparent Talk is a portable conversation game for people of all ages. Each deck of 100 cards is attached to a carabineer clip so the game can be clipped to a backpack, purse or picnic basket. To play, pick a card, ask a question and watch the fun begin.

Grandparent Talk is a game to keep family history alive with diverse topics that allow grandkids and grandparents to discover more about each other through conversation. "Grandpa, what kind of pets did you have?" and other questions will help uncover family stories that haven't been shared in years or generations. The game intends to help grandchildren realize that grandma and grandpa were young once too. Diverse topics may make for surprising answers.

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY RATINGS

EASE OF USE ★★★★★

Very easy to get started - open the cards and begin questioning. All ages, including adult "children" enjoyed listening to responses.

DURABILITY ★★★★☆

Around the Table Grandparent Talk rates fairly well in this category as the game is extremely portable. Most grandparents don't live right around the corner - so this will be super-easy to take on the road when headed for a visit. However, our reviewers did point out that they cards do need to be handled carefully to keep from ripping.

VISUAL APPEAL ★★★★☆

Conversation Cards are green with "speech" bubbles - satisfactory, but not extraordinary. Our reviewers felt they would have liked just a little more color.

FUNCTIONALITY ★★★★★

Around the Table Grandparent Talk was enjoyable for both the kids and the grandparents - kids liked asking the questions and listening to responses and grandparents loved telling their stories. At points, some of the grandparents were a little too "young" for the questions - reminding our reviewers that this would certainly be perfect for great grandparents as well. Our panel also noted they'd love to be able to get a written journal or take video of the grandparents giving their responses - this information could truly lead to some special family stories being passed down among generations.

COST EFFICIENCY ★★★★★

At only \$10, our reviewers felt Around the Table Grandparent Talk is priced right on target.

ORIGINALITY ★★★★★

The panel concurred that Around the Table Grandparent Talk is somewhat similar to family tree building (in the respect of getting elders to discuss family), but so much more in depth. It was fascinating for our youngsters to recognize that their grandparents really were young once too.

OVERALL RATING ★★★★★

Feel like you don't or didn't know enough about your own grandparents? Do your children seem distant from their much older relatives? Kids young and old have a lot to learn about their family history and with Around the Table Grandparent Talk they can take this learning to a whole new level. Our reviewers love this idea and only hope that they can make time, as well as encourage their kids to make time to gain knowledge and relate more easily to their grandparents.

