



Mom Most Traveled...

I have to do the impossible: travel long distances with 2 small children, and live in a place that isn't kid-friendly. I'll show you how to do it. "I am the Mom Most Traveled, and THAT has made all the difference..."

Family Togetherness On The Go



I have friend who is always proposing that we do "table questions" whenever we go out to eat with a group of adults. She likes to get to know people on a personal level, and one way to engage everyone at the table is to have each person answer the same question.

I immediately thought of her when I was introduced to a new game called Family Talk. Family Talk is a game meant to spark conversation and create memories. There are 100 talk-inducing questions attached to a carabineer clip.

Family Talk and Family Talk 2 (100 DIFFERENT questions!) were deliberately created to be portable. They can be used in restaurants, on car trips, traffic jams, airports...anywhere that a group of people find themselves together for a time.

I have often times lamented that my busy schedule seems to prevent me from connecting with friends and family in a deep and meaningful way. I like that Family Talk is designed to work for a busy life!



The questions range from "food for thought" (Would you consider yourself a *leader* or a *follower*?) to "sharing memories" (What foods or smells remind you of when you were younger?)

I was initially excited to use Family Talk with my English as a Second Language students, or as an ice breaker for faculty meetings (I always get called on to plan those!). I thought my 3 1/2-year-old might be a bit young to participate in a round of Family Talk, but one day in a desperate attempt to get him to sit still (and stop whining) during a meal at home, I grabbed the ring of questions and gave it a whirl.

The question was something like, "What is your favorite thing to eat at a restaurant?" Something amazing happened. My child stopped whining, a smile bloomed upon his face, and he said (enthusiastically), "I like FRIED CHICKEN!"

I was floored. Not only did I not know he liked fried chicken (mother of the year award...I thought he was going to say "fried rice"), I couldn't believe how pleased he was to participate in a conversation. His grandparents also answered the question, and another, and another. We learned that my father has fond memories of eating fried squirrel as a child, prepared by his dad!

I plan to take [Family Talk](#) with us on our upcoming trips, and it will most likely find a permanent home next to the napkin holder on the dinner table.

Pick a card, ask a question, create memories, bridge generations.

[Around The Table Games](#) is offering one Mom Most Traveled reader the Family Talk pack of their choice! The winner may choose the [Family Talk](#), [Family Talk 2](#), or [Grandparent Talk](#) set. To enter, visit the [Around the Table Games](#) website and look around, then comment below with a possible question for future Family Talk games! One winner will be chosen by a random number generator. This giveaway will end on May 19, at 9pm CST.

For a limited time only, Around The Table Games founder Beth Daniels is offering a coupon code for free shipping on Family Talk products! Enter coupon OCCFMT

59 Comments

[CLComstock](#) said...

My question was, "do you know where you will go when you die?" it is a very important question to answer and would spark lots of discussion.

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May 14, 2008 12:30 PM

 [kevnjacks](#) said...

Hiya - just left a question over on the site - "If you could be a sea creature, what would you be?". This is for my son who loves all things sea creature! :)

May 14, 2008 12:41 PM

 [Cathleen](#) said...

I suggested the question "If you could plant a magic tree in the backyard and grow anything on it, what would you grow?" My mind is on the garden lately! :)

May 14, 2008 12:47 PM

 Anonymous said...

who in our family do i most remind you of and why?

baburdette @ cox. net

May 14, 2008 4:34 PM

 [Reiza](#) said...

I just left this one:

If you had to be stuck in a hospital room for 6 months with one person, who would you want that one person to be and why?

May 14, 2008 6:13 PM

 Anonymous said...

Where are you finding all these cool toys and are you bringing them back to Laos?

May 14, 2008 6:38 PM

 [Smellyann](#) said...

How about, what came first, the chicken or the egg?

May 14, 2008 8:58 PM

 [Kate Etue](#) said...

What was your favorite moment from today?

May 14, 2008 9:08 PM

 [CJW's folks](#) said...

What is something about your bedroom that only you know?

May 14, 2008 9:14 PM

 [Rhonda](#) said...

This game is great. My husband and I are usually quiet at meal time, as our family grows we could use some fresh ideas to stir conversation. My question would be:
Where is your favorite quiet place?

May 14, 2008 11:02 PM

 [laura](#) said...

Great game! We used to ask funny questions to each other in college, and a popular one was 'would you prefer to fly like a bird, or swim like a dolphin, and why?'
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May 14, 2008 11:14 PM

 [mannequin](#) said...

I think a good question would be, "Uf you were a crayon, what color would you be and why?"

May 15, 2008 2:49 AM

 [julie](#) said...

If you can visit anyplace in the world ...where would it be?
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May 15, 2008 3:32 AM

 [Uberly Mother](#) said...

i said, "if you could visit any era in time, which would it be, and why?"

May 15, 2008 4:33 AM

 [Stacy](#) said...

If the dog had a voice, what would it sound like?

May 15, 2008 5:11 AM

 [PS](#) said...

"If you could go anywhere in a rocketship, where would you go?" My son is obsessed right now, it is all we talk about!

May 15, 2008 5:38 AM

 [Mommy](#) said...

This is a great idea. My question would be: "Tell us what you think your best quality is, and why? How about your worst?" It gets each person to think about what they contribute to a family, both good and bad.

Thanks!

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May 15, 2008 6:34 AM

 Judy Brusio said...

What is the best thing that happened to you today? That's my question...

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May 15, 2008 6:44 AM

 Julie said...

I always ask my 4 yr old "what was the best thing about today" and "What was the worst"-its interesting to hear what he thinks and that usually leads to more conversations.


May 15, 2008 6:51 AM

 [ticole96](#) said...

This looks like a fun game and a great way to get kids to talk and have discussions. I would ask... if you could go back in time, where would you want to go?

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May 15, 2008 7:01 AM

 jodi b said...

My question would be..."If you were a cat, where would you go?" We have 3 cats and they are part of a lot of our conversations!

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May 15, 2008 7:15 AM

 [LisaW](#) said...

"If you could choose a historical era to visit, which would you choose?"

These look like a lot of fun! Thanks!

May 15, 2008 7:38 AM

 [Kristie](#) said...

What is one thing that you were thankful for today? It's nice to think about other times of the year than just Thanksgiving :)

May 15, 2008 7:45 AM

 [Panjo Kids](#) said...

If you could have one superpower what would it be and why?

May 15, 2008 7:47 AM

 [Nicol](#) said...

What fun! It would certainly get the conversation flowing! Hmmm a question.... What fairy tale character would you like to be a for a day?

May 15, 2008 7:58 AM

 [windycindy](#) said...

Hi, What a marvelous game idea. Our family loves to play games! One question I thought about is "What is your favorite color/flower/time of day?! Also, for the grandparents, did you live during the great depression?! How about "What is your favorite sport to participate in/watch?! Please enter me in your delightful contest. Thanks,Cindi
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May 15, 2008 8:03 AM

 [Mandy](#) said...


Which family member do you think will change your diaper when you are old?? :)
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May 15, 2008 8:19 AM

 [Piseco](#) said...

"When you close your eyes, what do you see?" My son and I had a very lovely bedtime discussion about this a few weeks ago. His imagination astounds me. Thanks for the contest!

May 15, 2008 8:30 AM

 [Mary512](#) said...

Lets see... Maybe I'll go with the classic 'If you were stuck on an island, what 1 item would you want and why?' Great giveaway, thanks!

May 15, 2008 9:46 AM

 [Shelly](#) said...

What kind of tattoo would you get and where?

May 15, 2008 10:47 AM

 [~Tami](#) said...

If you could play anything with your mom, what would it be?

May 15, 2008 12:32 PM

 [Shannon](#) said...

oh I would love the Family Talk and another question is Who is your idol and why?

May 15, 2008 4:01 PM

 [Holly - tutus & turtles](#) said...

This is a fantastic idea, thanks for sharing. I'll have to help spread the word.

My kids are still little, but I find that they love to discuss their day when we truly sincerely ask at dinner time. So, I'd like a more stimulating/creative version of what did you do today or what was your favorite part of the day. Nothing interesting, but a bit of a trick to get my simple questions answered with a game!

May 15, 2008 8:00 PM

 [shimmala](#) said...

Sounds like great fun, and I could certainly use it to occupy my 4.5-year-old. My question is "If you could switch places with one person for a day, who would it be and why?"

May 15, 2008 9:00 PM

 [misty](#) said...

'What scares you, and why does it scare you?'

Thanks so much for the opportunity.

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May 15, 2008 9:48 PM

 [nor_lou](#) said...

what is one thing you (not a living thing) that would make you the most sad if it was gone.

May 15, 2008 11:30 PM

 [lotto](#) said...

This sweepstakes has been featured on Sweepstakes Advantage,
<http://www.sweepsadvantage.com>. The Web's Largest Directory of Free Online Sweepstakes.
Good Luck to Everyone!

May 16, 2008 7:56 AM

 [frugallm](#) said...

I would love to have this game!! My question is Who is your personal hero and why? Another would be What charitable cause are you most interested in and why?

May 16, 2008 9:49 AM

 [Cuddle Cottage](#) said...

My question would be: "What one thing can you do today to help make earth a better place for all of us?"

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May 16, 2008 11:11 AM

 [kaylee8](#) said...

Where do you feel most "at home"?

May 16, 2008 12:18 PM

 [Megret](#) said...

"If you could travel to the moon and take one of your family members or friends with you, who would you take?"

Thanks!!

I love Table Talk.

Megret


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May 16, 2008 1:12 PM

 [Kisha](#) said...

If you could redo today, what would you do differently?

May 16, 2008 2:22 PM

 Anonymous said...

hug my kids

May 16, 2008 2:35 PM

 [Sandy](#) said...

Farm Trout! What a great set of games!

My question would be, "If you had the opportunity to start a charity organization of your choosing, what cause would you support?"

Good luck to all!

May 16, 2008 3:18 PM

 [erins](#) said...

My question would be if you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

May 16, 2008 4:38 PM

 [Cecile](#) said...

I would add to Grandparent talk: What was your favorite food as a child?

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May 17, 2008 6:26 AM

 [Clenna](#) said...

"If you could be a color, which would you choose and why?"

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May 17, 2008 11:13 AM

 [The Jillybean](#) said...

If you could change the attitude of one person around you who would it be and why. I would choose the family talk 1 or 2

May 17, 2008 1:11 PM

 [peekab00](#) said...

What are you most thankful for?

May 17, 2008 3:13 PM

 [elizcosta](#) said...

Great idea to use this with your ESL students, I'll have to try with my class...I would ask them, what would be your fantasy job and why?

May 17, 2008 3:56 PM

 [Danielle](#) said...

If you could meet any person from history who would it be and why?

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May 17, 2008 5:29 PM

 [jessleigh](#) said...

If you could travel anywhere in th world, where would you go and what would you do there?

May 17, 2008 10:13 PM

 [Lilith Silvermane](#) said...

Great giveaway!

My question would be:

If you could write any book already written, which one would it be, and why?

May 18, 2008 5:39 AM

 [Sharee](#) said...

This sounds like a great way to get to know people, even if you don't have kids. :)

My question would be, "If you could be fluent in another language, which language would you pick, and why?"

May 18, 2008 6:54 AM

 [calgirl](#) said...

My question is What is the fastest you have ever driven or riden, and what were you in.

May 18, 2008 7:45 PM

 [Tara](#) said...

Great! My question would be "who is your favourite author or what is the name of your favourite book and why"

May 18, 2008 8:40 PM

 [dolls123](#) said...

"If you could travel back in time where would you go & why"

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May 19, 2008 1:23 AM

 [Brooke](#) said...

If you HAD to switch lives with any of your friends, who would you pick and why?

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 [NES](#) said...

"If we could go anywhere tomorrow, where should we go?"

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