

Speaking about School - Adults

40 mini-dialogues

Did you go to kindergarten? Do you have any memories of kindergarten? What toys did you play with? Did you have any lessons? What were the staff like?

Could you read and write before you went to school?

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How old were you when you started school? Who was your first teacher?

Did you get a lot of homework at primary school?

What did you do at break time when you were at primary school?

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Did you have the same teacher for all your lessons at primary school?

Who picked you up from primary school? Did you go home alone?

What was your favourite subject at primary school?

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Did you have cooking lessons at school? What about sewing, woodwork, electronics?

What sports did you do in PE lessons?

Did you have to pay anything to go to your school?

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Describe the school system in your country. What age do you start / finish school? When do you take state exams? Has it changed since you were at school? What different types of schools do you have?

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Describe your school uniform. Do you think that uniforms are a good idea?

What sports facilities did your school have?

Could you do any extra-curricular activities at school?

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Did your school have modern technology (computers, projectors, smart boards etc)

How did teachers punish students at your school? Did you get punished very often?

What subjects were you good at? What subjects were you bad at?

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Did you do any experiments in science lessons?

What was the food like in your school canteen? What were the tastiest things?

Were there any 'crazes' at your school (things that were popular for a short time)?

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Did kids buy and sell things at your school?
Did they swap things?

How did you pass time in boring lessons? Did
you draw? Do homework?

Did you watch many videos in lessons at
school?

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Did you go on any camps in childhood?
Where did you go? What did you do?

Were students at your school divided into
groups based on ability?

Did you ever skive (miss lessons without
permission)?

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Were there parents' evenings at your
school? Did your parents go to them?

Explain the grading system used in your
country.

Did you take part in any academic
olympiads? How did you do?

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Was there much romance at your school?
Did you have a boyfriend / girlfriend?

Was there much fighting at your school? Did
you get into any fights?

Did you have a 'prom' when you left school?
Tell me about it!

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Did you copy from your classmates? Did they
copy from you?

Did you win any prizes at school?

Were you satisfied with your school?

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Do you think education in your country is
getting better or worse?

Do you think that schools for only boys or
only girls are a good idea? Why?

Who was your favourite teacher at school?

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