27 Quick Questions

A Communication Game for Teens and Parents/Caregivers

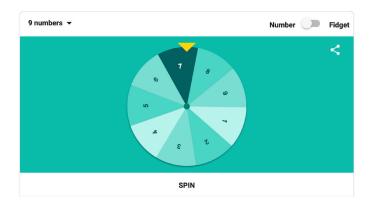


OVERVIEW

This simple game is designed for two players (one teen and one parent/caregiver) to help them grow closer and talk about things they haven't talked about before. The point is to have fun conversations that strengthen your connection with each other. You'll answer some fun questions to discover things about each other that you might not know. You'll also have a chance to answer questions to learn each other's opinions about sex, dating, and relationships—topics both teens and parents/caregivers say they want to discuss but often don't bring up. Along the way you will earn points and cash them in for prize coupons! The game encourages nonjudgmental listening and respect for differences of opinion. To respect privacy, you can skip any questions you prefer not to answer. To learn more about the prize coupons and what you'll be talking about, keep reading!

GET READY

- 1. Find a time when you both have at least 30 minutes available to play.
- 2. Visit Google.com and search "Google spinner." Using the dropdown list in the top left corner of the spinner, select "9 numbers."



If you don't have internet access, write the numbers 1 through 9 on little pieces of paper and put them in a bowl. Instead of using the spinner, draw a number from the bowl.

3. Fill out the prize coupons. You will each try to win coupons from your opponent. Make them *Good For* something free, small, or low cost, like a commitment to do something special for the other person. Think about what the other person might *really* like.

Ideas for Prize Coupons

- · Cook their favorite meal
- Help with a special project or chore
- Take them out for coffee or ice cream
- · Give them breakfast in bed

- Let them out of chores for several days (for teens)
- Wash their car
- Plan a movie and pizza night

HOW TO PLAY

- 1. Flip a coin to see who goes first.
- 2. Take turns following these steps:
 - a. Select which level you plan to draw from (Level 1, 2, or 3). As the level increases, questions get more complex, but you earn more points.

LEVEL	POINTS
1	3
2	5
3	7



- b. Click "spin" on the wheel and read the question that corresponds to that number in the level you chose. If you already answered the question, spin again for a new question.
- c. Respond to the question and record the appropriate number of points on your scorecard.
- d. Once you answer the question, use it as an opportunity to talk more about the topic if you want to! Invite the other player to ask you a follow-up question or give their own opinion.

How to Pass on a Question

Each participant is allowed to pass on a question but will lose 5 points for each pass. If they don't have 5 points, they lose all their points. Players can pass as many times as they want.

- 3. Alternate turns until each participant has answered at least 10 questions (or as long as you like).
- 4. Tally your score and collect your prize coupon(s) from the other player. Use the table below to determine how many coupons you get:

POINTS	COUPONS
20 or more	1
40 or more	2
60 or more	3

5. At the end of the game, check in with each other about how it went. What was it like to talk about these topics? What did you learn that surprised you?

TIPS FOR FUN AND FAIR PLAY

- Be open and listen attentively to what the other person is saying.
- Don't assume. If you don't understand what the other person said, ask a clarifying question.
- Try to stay calm even if you disagree or feel uncomfortable with what the other person said. Try to understand the other person's perspective.

LEVEL 1 QUESTIONS (WORTH 3 POINTS)

- 1. What is one quality you like most about yourself? What is one quality you like most about the other player?
- 2. What is something fun you want to do together that we have not done yet?
- 3. Who would you consider a role model or someone you look up to?
- 4. Share a memory of a special experience with our family that means a lot to you.
- 5. When you think about the other player, what makes you grateful?
- 6. If you had all the money in the world, what would you do with it?
- 7. What is one good thing and one difficult thing about being your age?
- 8. Name something you've done that you are really proud of.
- 9. Let the other player ask you something they want to ask.

LEVEL 2 QUESTIONS (WORTH 5 POINTS)

- 1. How do you know when you can trust someone?
- 2. How do you feel when you are around someone you really like?
- 3. What are some qualities of a healthy relationship?
- 4. What might be some warning signs of an unhealthy relationship?
- 5. How should romantic partners show each other respect?
- 6. What are important qualities to look for in a romantic partner?
- 7. What steps do you take to make a good decision?
- 8. What would you do if a friend asked you to do something you were uncomfortable with?
- 9. What is one thing you wish the other player knew about what it's like to be your age?





LEVEL 3 QUESTIONS (WORTH 7 POINTS)

- 1. How does someone know when they are ready to have sex?
- 2. How would you define consent? Why is it important?
- 3. At what age do you think it is appropriate to start dating, and why?
- 4. Share a time when you have been hurt by someone you cared about. How did you heal from that experience?
- 5. What is a good way to tell someone you are not ready to have sex?
- 6. What is one unrealistic thing you've seen in the media lately related to sex, dating, or relationships?
- 7. What is an example of a positive portrayal of relationships or sexuality in the media (a movie, song, video game, or commercial/ad)? What about it was positive?
- 8. What are some types of peer pressure you've experienced? (Note: adults can feel peer pressure too.)
- 9. What would make it easier for you to talk about sex, dating, and relationships with the other player?



COUPON TEMPLATES

Coupon #1 (20 points)

TO: GOOD FOR: [fill in something special you will do for the other person	
Coupon #2 (20 points)	
TO: GOOD FOR: [fill in something special you will do for the other person	
Coupon #3 (20 points)	
FROM: TO: GOOD FOR: [fill in something special you will do for the other person	

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SCORECARD

Each time you get points, add the number of points to a new row. Add up all your points at the end of the game.

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