

Basic Character Questions

What is their first name?

What is their surname?

Do they have any middle names?

Do they have any nicknames?

How old are they?

What is their date of birth?

What is their race/ethnicity?

Physical / Appearance

How tall are they?

How much do they weigh?

What is their physical shape/build?

What colour hair do they have?

What style of hair do they have?

What colour eyes do they have?

What shape are their eyes?

Do they wear glasses or contact lenses?

What are their teeth like?

Do they have any distinguishing facial features?

Which facial feature is most prominent?

Which bodily feature is most prominent?

Do they have any other distinguishing features?

What is their skin like?

What are their hands like?

What are their feet like?

Do they tend to wear makeup?

Do they wear any jewellery?

Do they have any scars?

Do they have any birthmarks?

Do they have any tattoos?

Do they have any physical disabilities?

What type of clothes do they wear?

How do they style their clothes?

Are they right or left-handed?

Do they have any mannerisms?

What is their health like?

Personality

What language(s) do they speak?

Do they have a catchphrase?

Do they overuse any words or phrases?

Are they more optimistic or pessimistic?

Are they more introverted or extroverted?

What bad habits do they have?

What good habits do they have?

How do they want to be seen by others?

How are they seen by others?

How do they see themselves?

Do they ever put on airs?

What is their strongest character trait?

What is their weakest character trait?

How do they display affection?

How competitive are they?

Do they make snap judgements or take time to consider?

How do they react to praise?

How do they react to criticism?

What is their greatest fear?

What are their pet peeves?

What sense do they most rely on?

Do they have any mental disabilities?

What are their idiosyncrasies?

Are they an early bird or a night owl?

Do they prefer the indoors or the outdoors?

How do they treat people better off than them?

How do they treat people worse off than them?

What are their biggest secrets?

What haunts them?

What will they stand up for?

Who do they idolise?

What quality do they most value in a friend?

What do they consider an overrated virtue?

If they could change one thing about themselves, what would it be?

Do they have any obsessions?

Friends and Family

How many people are in their family?

What is their perception of family?

Do they have any siblings? Are they older or younger?

Who is their best friend and what are they like?

What would their ideal best friend be like?

What are their other friends like?

What are their acquaintances like?

Do they have any pets?

Who are their natural allies?

Who are their surprising allies?

Past and Future

What were they like as a baby?

What were they like as a child?

Did they grow up rich or poor?

Did they grow up nurtured or neglected?

What is their greatest achievement?

What is the worst thing they did to someone they loved?

What are their ambitions?

What was their childhood ambition?

What is their best childhood memory?

What is their worst childhood memory?

Did they have an imaginary childhood friend?

When was the last time they were crushed with disappointment?

What past act are they most ashamed of?

What past act are they most proud of?

Has anyone ever saved their life?

What is their strongest childhood memory?

Love

What sort of people are they attracted to?

Do they believe in love at first sight?

Are they currently in a relationship?

Have they ever been married?

How do they behave in a relationship?

Have they ever been in love?

Have they ever had their heart broken?

Conflict

How do they respond to a threat?

Are they more likely to fight with words or fists?

What is their kryptonite?

If their house was burning down, what one thing would they save?

How do they perceive strangers?

What do they love to hate?

What are their phobias?

What would their choice of weapon be?

What living person do they most despise?

Have they ever been bullied or teased?

Where do they go when they're angry?

Who are their enemies and why?

Work, Education and Hobbies

What is their current job?

How do they feel about their current job?

What are some of their past jobs?

What are their hobbies?

What is their educational background?

How intelligent are they?

Do they have any specialist training?

Do they have a natural talent for anything?

Do they play any sports?

Do they play any instruments?

What is their socioeconomic status?

Possessions

What is in their fridge?

What is on their bedside table?

What is in their car?

What is in their garbage can?

What is in their purse or wallet?

What is in their pockets?

What is their most treasured possession?

Daily life

What are their eating habits?

Do they have any allergies?

What is their home like?

Are they minimalist or a hoarder?

What do they do first thing on a weekday morning?

What do they do on a Sunday afternoon?

What do they do on a Friday night?

What is their soft drink of choice?

What is their alcoholic drink of choice?

Values

What is their view of 'freedom'?

What do they think is the worst thing that can be done to a person?

When did they last lie?

What's their view of lying?

When did they last make a promise?

Did they keep or break their last promise?

What's one thing they can't forgive?

Spirituality

Do they believe in the afterlife?

What are their religious views?

What do they think heaven is?

What do they think hell is?

Are they superstitious?

What would they like to be reincarnated as?

How would they like to die?

Miscellaneous

What is their character archetype?

Who is their hero?

How do they feel about technology?

What was the best day of their life so far?

What was the worst day of their life so far?

If they could call one person for help, who would it be?

If they could only save one person they know, who would it be?

If they could bring back one person from the dead, who would it be?

What is their greatest extravagance?

What is their greatest regret?

What is their perception of redemption?

What is their idea of perfect happiness?

Do they believe in happy endings?

What would they most like to be remembered for?

If they could travel through time, where would they go?

If they could have a superpower, what would they choose?

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