

Questions to be answered during the meetings:

- What is the most dangerous thing in your home? How can your home be made less dangerous?
 - What is the most dangerous thing in your home for a child? How can it be made less dangerous?
 - What is the most dangerous thing in your home for an elderly person? How can it be made less dangerous?
 - What dangers can be found in the kitchen that can cause accidents?
 - What can be done to prevent kitchen accidents?
 - What can a parent do to childproof a kitchen?
 - What dangers can be found in bathrooms that can cause accidents?
 - What can be done to prevent bathroom accidents?
 - What can a parent do to childproof a bathroom?
 - What dangers can be found outside the home in the yard that can cause accidents?
 - What can be done to prevent yard accidents?
 - What can a parent do to childproof the yard?
 - What other dangers can be found in a home in bedrooms, laundry rooms, garages, and living areas?
 - What can be done throughout the house to prevent accidents?
 - What can a parent do to childproof the different rooms of the home?
 - Where at home would you put your first aid kit?
 - What would you have in it?
 - Where are these items found in a house, why could they be dangerous, to whom could they be dangerous, and what could someone do to lessen the danger they present?
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- What is the most shocking advertisement you have seen?
 - What is the funniest advertisement you have seen? Describe it.
 - What makes an ad memorable?
 - What are the different types of advertising? (Eg. TV)
 - What types of companies choose each type?
 - Do you buy products because of advertising?
 - Do you find advertising persuasive?
 - Why do you buy one product over another?
 - Should advertisers be allowed to advertise to children?
 - Should alcohol or tobacco companies be allowed to advertise? Why or why not?
 - What do you think of celebrity endorsements?
 - Which celebrities advertise which products?
 - Do favorite or annoying celebrities make you want or not want to buy a product?
 - Should there be advertisement-free zones?
 - Is there truth in advertising?
 - What kind of advertisements attract your attention?
 - Why is it necessary to advertise?
 - Do you think advertising should be allowed to interrupt TV or radio programs? What are the alternatives?

- What is the best way to advertise to children? Adults? Seniors? etc..
- Do you think advertising is too expensive?
- What are some effective adverts you have seen lately (on TV, newspaper, etc)?
- What are some ineffective adverts you have seen lately?
- Can you remember an advertising campaign that caught your attention?
- What are the different methods of advertising?
- What is the most popular way of advertising?
- Do you think that the Internet and cable/satellite TV have become more important than national TV for advertising products?
- What do you think is the best way of discovering the tastes and interests of teenage consumers?
- Can TV advertising be a force for good?
- How easy do you think it is to influence children with advertising?
- Do you agree with anti-consumerism organizations that the child will have watched 350,000 commercials by the time she graduates from high school?
- Do you think the government has the right to ban advertising for junk food and soda during children's TV programs. What do you think about this? Why do you think they made this decision?
- Do political parties in (country) use TV advertising? If so, should they?
- When out walking or shopping in the city, do you accept advertising fliers or free samples that are offered to you?
- What forms of advertising are there?
- What would make an advertisement more interesting?
- Can you buy something and get something for free in your country?
- Do people use coupons where you live?
- What is the most advertised product in your country?
- What is the best form of advertising?
- What gets you interested in an advertisement?
- Describe an advertisement that you have seen or heard on the TV or radio. What was it about? How long did the commercial last? Did it make you want to buy the product?
- What is the funniest commercial that you have seen? Describe it.
- What differences can you notice between commercials from 10 or 15 years ago and commercials today?
- Do you think ads influence the choices you make when you buy clothes?
- Do you often buy a particular brand when you buy clothes?
- Why do you buy this brand?
- Does it give status to wear particular brands like Nike or Lacoste?
- Do you sometimes want very expensive things which you or your parents can't afford?
- Do you think ads influence the choices you make when you or your parents buy food?
- What brand is the ketchup you or your parents buy?
- Is it always the same brand? Why do you prefer this brand?
- What brand is the toothpaste you or your parents buy?
- Can you name three different ways of advertising? (For example, different media)

- Do you think there are too many ads in television? Why/why not?
- Do you know why some channels have ads and others not? If you do know explain.
- Do you think there are too many ads in magazines? Why/why not?
- Do you think there are too many ads in newspapers? Why/why not?
- Think of an ad you think is good or funny and tell about it.
- What kinds of ads do you like and why? What makes a good ad?
- Do you think children or young people are easier to influence through ads compared to adults?
- Do you think it's ok to show ads aimed at children on television? Why/ why not?
- When you watch TV, how much attention do you pay to the advertisements?
- Which advertisements do you like most and which least? Why?
- How would you advertise something you wanted to sell?
- What are the harmful and the beneficial effects of advertising?
- Do you think that ads create a desire for more and more material possessions?
- Do you think that commercials on TV are annoying because they interrupt programs or do you think that many ads are more amusing than the programs on TV?
- Do you think advertising is too expensive? What are the different methods of advertising?

- Are you allowed to eat in the classrooms?
- Are you allowed to smoke in the classrooms?
- Did you belong to any clubs in high school?
- Did you go to a public high school or a private one?
 - What are the advantages of each type of school?
 - Which type of school did you want to go to?
- Did you have to wear a uniform in high school? How about elementary school?
- Did you study art in high school?
- Did your high school have a band?
 - If so, did you play in it?
 - What instrument would you like to play in a high school band? Why?
- Do most of your teachers take attendance?
- Do some of your teachers let class out early?
 - What do you think when the teacher lets the class out early?
- Do you carry a dictionary to your English classes?
 - How about your other classes?
 - Do you have an electronic dictionary?
 - Can you and do you access your cellphone dictionary to find the meaning of a word?
- Do you enjoy studying English?
 - Math?
 - Science?
 - Art?
 - Biology?
 - Chemistry?
- Do you ever skip class?
- Do you have any evening classes?

- Do you play on any of the school's sports teams?
- Do you still keep in touch with your best friend in elementary school?
- Have you ever been absent?
- Have you ever been late for class?
 - If so, why?
 - When was the last time?
 - Did the teacher get angry?
- Have you ever failed a class? (Maybe this is not polite to ask.)
- Have you ever slept in class?
- How do you usually come here?
- How do you get to school?
- How long does it take you to get to school?
- How many times have you been absent from school this year?
- How much homework do you do every day?
- Was your high school strict?
- Were you on any sports teams in high school?
- What classes do you not like? Why don't you like them?
- What did you like best about high school?
- What do you like best about your school?
- What do you like the least about your school?
- What do you think about your English class? Your gym class?
- What do you think of our cafeteria?
- What do you think of this campus?
- What do you want to do after you graduate?
- What is your best memory from junior high school?
 - How about high school?
 - What's your worst memory?
- What school did you graduate from? What high school? What junior high school?
- What time does your first class begin on Tuesday?
- What was the name of your junior high school?
- What were some of the rules you had to follow at your high school?
 - Which rules did you think were unfair?
 - Did you ever get caught breaking any school rules?
 - Were you allowed to smoke on campus?
 - Were you allowed to eat food in the classroom?
- What's your favorite subject?
 - Why do you like it?
 - Who is the teacher?
 - How many times a week does the class meet?
- Which subjects are you good at? (What are your strong subjects?)
- Which subjects are you poor at? (Which subjects are difficult for you?)
- Who is your favorite teacher?
 - What course does he or she teach?
 - Why do you like him or her?
- What did you find the most surprising thing about the school system in the United States?

- What are the major characteristics you think a teacher should have?
- Do you have to wear a uniform to your school? (Did you have to..) Do you like wearing a uniform?
- Do you think school uniform is a good idea? Why/Why not?
- Are the clothes you wear to school important?
- Do you feel pressure to wear expensive, designer clothes to school?
- How are the customs in the classrooms in the US different from the customs that you have experienced in other places?
- Who do you like to sit with in your classroom?
- Do you like to be taught by a male or female teacher?
- Do you like to be taught by a female or male teacher?
- Which subjects do you think are not useful or needed anymore?
- What does the term coeducational mean? Did you go to coeducational schools?
- Are boys and girls treated differently by teachers in coeducational schools that you have attended? If so, how?
- Do you think girls work together much better if there are no boys around? Agree or disagree?
- Do you feel pressure to wear expensive, designer clothes to school?
- Do you think fashion is important at school?
- Is fashion also a kind of uniform?
- What did your school uniform look like in junior high school?

- Are young people generally more selfish than their parents and grandparents?
 - Does age make you more aware of and caring for others?
- Should adults try to teach young people lessons, such as the dangers of drinking too much, taking drugs or catch the AIDS virus, or should they leave them alone to find out about these things themselves?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of both approaches?
- What do you think is the best age to be?
 - Explain your opinion.
- Most countries give young people rights as they reach a certain age. For example, British people can legally make love or fight for their country at the age of 16; they can drink, vote and drive a car when they are 18.
 - Do you think that any of the age limits need changing?
- Some people think you should give something to society before you have the right to join it.
 - Should young people have to do some form of military or community service by law?
- Should people of between 50 and 55 be forced to retire from their jobs in order to make way for younger workers?
- If people are still able to (and want to) work, should they have to retire when they reach a certain age?
 - Explain your opinion.

- In most countries the legal retirement age for men is five years older than for women, even though women live longer than men on average.
 - Why do you think this is?
 - Is this fair, or should it be changed?
- Are there many things that the old can teach the young or are they hopelessly out of touch by the time they reach a certain age?
 - What things were you taught by your older family members?
 - How have they been useful to you in your life?
- In most countries, compulsory education is targeted at five to sixteen year olds.
 - Would it be better to offer it to pensioners who want to learn rather than young people who prefer not to be in school? Explain your opinion.
- In Russia, China and many other countries, there is a tradition of choosing leaders who are quite advanced in years.
 - Do you think that older people make better leaders? Explain your opinion.
- One of Britain's best-ever leaders was William Pitt, who became Prime Minister when he was 24 and remained in power for 18 years.
 - Could this ever happen in your country? Why/why not?
- Many elderly people have disabilities which limit their mobility.
 - Do buses, shops and public buildings in your country provide easy access for the disabled or are your towns and cities designed mainly for the young and able-bodied? Why is this?
- Should the elderly be expected to pay for residential care out of their own savings or should appropriate accommodation and nursing be provided by the tax payer? Explain your opinion.
- Some people say that men age better than women, and remain attractive longer. Do you agree? Explain your opinion.
- Some people say that men never grow up, they just get bigger. Do you agree? Explain your opinion.
- Some people say that young women are usually two to three years more mature than young men. Do you agree? Explain your opinion.
- In most countries women live an average of five to six years longer than men. Why do you think this is?
- In some countries having children is considered a way of "investing in the future", and young people are expected to give money to their parents when they get a job, and then to care for them when they retire.
 - What are the good points and what are the bad points about this system?
- Many countries are facing the problem of an "aging population", i.e. there will soon be more old people than young people.
 - What problems will this cause?
 - What can be done to prepare for them?
- What do you think is the ideal age for each of these stages of your life: (Explain your opinion.)
- What age do you want to live to?
- How do you feel about your parents growing older?
- If your parents could no longer care for themselves, would you let them live with you or put them in a nursing home?

- Are you afraid of getting old?
 - What is your ideal old age to live to?
 - Do you prefer to live in the retirement home or live with young people?
 - Should parents continue to finance their children after the children are 18?
 - Where do you wish to live when you are old?
 - Where do you see yourself when you are 70 years old?
 - Should older people spend their money on themselves, or save it for their children to have after they die?
 - Where do you wish to live when you are old?
 - What advice would you give to an older person who wants to feel young?
 - Some people say that youth is a state of mind, do you agree?
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- Have you ever worked for a charity?
 - How long did you work there?
 - Was it a well run charity?
 - Did you enjoy this work?
 - Do you give money to registered charities? (e.g. Red Cross, World Wildlife Fund, Green Peace)
 - Can you name some other registered charities?
 - Do you think having large charity organizations is a good idea? Why or why not?
 - What are some of the good points?
 - What are some of the bad points?
 - Do you think that locally run charity organizations are more effective?
 - Are there any charities in (your town/city)?
 - How about in (your country)?
 - What are they?
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- What causes death?
 - Are "Living Wills" available where you live?
 - Are there special rites or ceremonies performed when a person dies?
 - Are you afraid of death?
 - Do you believe in life after death?
 - Do you often think of death?
 - Do you think that there is anything worth dying for?
 - Do you want to know the date of your death? Why or why not?
 - How do you cope with the death of someone special?
 - Is organ donation or transplants an option where you live?
 - Is physician assisted suicide an option in your country?
 - Would you consider physician assisted suicide if you were suffering a painful dying experience?
 - Is the death of a loved one considered a joyful or a sorrowful occasion?
 - Is there any person you would die for in order to save? Who is it?

- What are some ways which you can help a family which has just experienced the death of a family member.
- What should you say to someone who has lost a loved one?
- What are your beliefs pertaining to a person's soul once they have died?
- What do you think of suicide?
- What do you think would happen if there were no death for human beings?
 - What do you think would happen if people never died?
- What happens to a person's remains after death? Cremation? Burial? Etc.
- What is the mourning process?
 - What is the mourning process?
- Where do we go when we die?
- Would you want your cremated remains to be part of a fireworks show?
- Who do you think would mourn for you after your death?
- If you were on death row, what would you request for your last meal?
 - Who would you want to watch you be executed?
- If you could choose how you were going to die, what would you choose your death to be?
- What do you think of cryogenics?
 - Would you like to have your body frozen, so that you could be thawed out and brought back to life sometime in the future?
 - Do you think it will ever be possible?
- If you had the option of freezing your body in hopes that science would some day be able to bring you back to life, would you do it?
- Why are so many people afraid of death, when it is unavoidable?
- What would happen if you died?
- On account of your beliefs or some other reason, do you look forward to dying?
- Have you ever had to put a pet to sleep?
- Do you believe that you will be born again?
- Why is facing death a difficult experience?
- How does a person cope with death of a friend or loved one?
- What are some reactions to death of a friend?
- How do your national customs surrounding death reflect the values of your country?
- What should you say or not say to a friend who is facing death?
 - What should you say or not say to a friend who has lost a friend?
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- What are funerals like in your country?
 - What are some funeral customs in your country?
- What is the suicide hotline in your community?
- Is there a suicide hotline in the area where you live?
- Do you know someone who has died from a traffic accident?
- Do you know someone who has died from a from disease?
 - What was your reaction?
 - How did you feel?
- When have you visited a hospital? Who did you visit?
- What sights, smells, sounds did you notice when you visited the hospital?
 - How did you feel about your visit?

- How can you help someone who is dying?
- How do you tell someone that someone they know has died?
- What are some useful euphemisms for telling someone that someone they know has died?
 - What are some other words for death? An example is "passed away".
- Do you believe in God?
- Do you think people should be cremated or buried?
- Has anyone close to you ever passed away?
- What is grief?
- Do you think the grieving process is different for different ages?
- Have you known someone who had an extended sickness before death?
- Have you ever lost someone close to you?
- Have known anyone who has committed suicide?
 - What would be your reaction?
 - What would you say to that person's friends?
- What is hospice?
 - Do you have hospice services in your country?
 - How quickly is someone buried or cremated after death?
 - What expenses are involved in burying or cremating someone?
 - What measures are taken in your country to ensure that no stigma is associated with the burial of poor people?
- Are coffins displayed on the street entrance to funeral parlors in your country?
- Is it appropriate for funeral directors to advertise their services?
 - How can this be done?
- If you were given the chance to have someone die with you, who would that person be?
 - How would you want to die?
- Have you ever thought you'd like to die?
- How does it feel when your loved one dies and you were unable to see them for the last time?
- Have you ever been to a funeral where a family member of the deceased sung a song, read a letter or read a poem?
 - Have you ever done something like that at someone's funeral?
- Would you want to know if you were dying and if so, would you want to know how long you had to live?
 - Would you want to know the exact day of your death?
- If there were five of your friends drowning, which one would you save first?
- If you are married or have a life partner would you expect them to move on after you die.
 - If so how long should they wait?
- Do you have hospice services in your country?
- Do you know anyone who died for a few seconds or minutes but came to life again?
 - What do you think about the stories these people tell?
- Who has died that you know?
- Have you had a pet die?
- What is the worst way of dying?
- What is the ideal way to die?
- Do you believe in out-of-body experiences?
- Are you afraid of losing one of your relatives all of a sudden?

- Would you like it if someone sung you a song or read a poem about you, or a letter to you, at your funeral?
- What kind of funeral arrangements would you make for yourself if you knew you were dying?
- How long do you expect your spouse or life partner to wait before they move on after your death?
- Do you have a bucket list?
- Would you like to die?