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Subject: Questions adolescent adoptees have about their birthparents.

A Family For Every Child
Matching Assistance



*"We should not be asking who this child belongs to,
but who belongs to this child."*



We encourage parents to share this information with their child before adolescence to promote a stronger sense of identity and to avoid issues later on. Information that would be matter-of-fact to children at a young age becomes a crisis if they're older and don't know.

1. What are my birth parents' first and middle names?
2. Where was I born (hospital and city)?
3. What time was I born?
4. Were there any complications at the time of my birth?
5. Did my birth mother see me or hold me?
6. Who else was present at my birth?
7. What were the circumstances surrounding my placement?
8. Did my birth mother pick my adoptive family?
9. Did my birth mother know anything about my adoptive family? (Did she meet my adoptive parents?)
10. What did my birth mother name me?
11. Does anyone else in my birth mother's family know about me?
12. Who knows what?
13. How old were my birth parents when I was born?
14. Were my birth parents married when I was born?
15. Where did my birth parents go to high school? College?
16. What kind of students were they?
17. What religious backgrounds do my birth parents have?
18. What is my ethnic/racial background?
19. Did my birth parents marry each other or anyone else after I was born? Do I have any biological siblings? Do they know about me?
20. Did I go to a foster home after leaving the hospital?
21. What was my foster family's name? How long was I there?
22. What do my birth mother and birth father look like? May I have a picture of them?
Are my birth parents still alive?
23. Do my birth parents love me?
24. Do my birth parents think about me? Did they ever regret their decisions?
25. Do my birth parents have any special talents, hobbies, or interests?
26. What traits did I inherit from my birth parents? Personality? Looks? Talents?
27. Did my birth parents write to me over the years (journal/letters in a file)?
28. Are there any medical concerns I should know about?
29. If I called my birth parents or wanted to meet them some day, what would they do?
30. What should I call my birth parents?

