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50 Practice 11+ Interview Questions

For Year 6 children preparing for independent school interviews

How to use these questions

- **Pick two or three questions at a time**, over dinner or in the car. Short, relaxed chats work better than long practice sessions.
- **There are no "right" answers.** Interviewers want to hear how your child thinks, so encourage them to explain *why*.
- **Don't script answers.** Memorised replies sound flat. Aim for confidence, not perfection.
- Near the interview, ask a **friendly adult your child doesn't know well** to ask a few questions, so talking to a new person feels normal.
- Saying *"Can I have a moment to think?"* is completely fine.

About you

1. Tell me a little about yourself.
2. What do you enjoy doing outside school?
3. What is something you are proud of, and why?
4. Tell me about a time something went wrong. What did you learn?
5. How would your friends describe you?
6. What is something you have taught yourself?
7. If you could learn any new skill, what would it be?
8. Who do you admire, and why?

School and learning

9. Which subject do you enjoy most, and why?
10. Which subject do you find hardest? What do you do when you get stuck?
11. Tell me about something you learned recently that surprised you.
12. Describe a project or piece of work you are proud of.
13. How do you prefer to learn: by reading, talking or doing?
14. What would you change about your school day?
15. What makes a good teacher?
16. Do you prefer working on your own or in a group? Why?
17. What did you think of the written test?

Reading and the world around you

18. What are you reading at the moment? Would you recommend it?
19. Tell me about a book you did not enjoy, and why.
20. Which character from a book would you most like to meet?
21. If you could change the ending of a book, which one would you choose, and how?
22. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction? Why?
23. What is the best book you have read this year?
24. Tell me about something you have read or heard in the news recently.
25. Explain the story of a book or film in three sentences.

Thinking questions (there is no single right answer)

26. Should children have homework? Give one reason for and one against.
27. If you could invent something to solve a problem, what would it be?
28. Should the voting age be lowered to 16?
29. What would happen if everyone in the world spoke the same language?
30. Is it ever right to break a rule?
31. Why do you think people enjoy sport so much?
32. If you were head teacher for a day, what would you change?
33. What makes a good friend?
34. Would you rather live 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future?
35. How would you explain the internet to someone from 1900?
36. Is it better to be clever or kind?
37. What is something many people believe that you are not sure about?

Look, think and talk

38. Here is an everyday object, such as a paperclip. How many different uses can you think of?
39. Look at this picture. What do you think is happening, and why?
40. Read this short poem. What is it about, and how does it make you feel?
41. How many ways can you make 24 using some of the numbers 2, 3, 4 and 6?
42. Estimate how many windows there are on your street. Talk me through your thinking.

This school and the future

43. Why would you like to come to this school?
44. What do you know about this school?
45. What would you like to get involved in here?
46. What do you think will be different about secondary school?
47. What could you contribute to the school community?
48. What would you like to do when you are older?
49. Is there anything that worries you about starting secondary school?
50. Do you have any questions for me?

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