Questions for Long-Distance Friends

Host rules / Keep this page

Adult friends / calls or messages / One question at a time / 24 original prompts

When friends live in different places, a small detail can be a starting point. Pick one question for a call or copy it into a private message using tools you already use. There is no score, contact schedule, or need to catch up on everything.

1. Choose a question together on a call, or copy one into an existing private message thread. This site does not connect calls or send messages.

2. Answer in your own way, make something up, listen, or pass. On calls, cameras can stay off. In messages, there is no reply deadline.

3. Stop after one question, choose another, or change the subject. A late reply or no reply does not need an explanation.

Always room for a pass

A question is an invitation, not a check-in requirement. Pass, reply later, or leave it unanswered. Do not ask for photos, a view of someone's room, or proof of an answer.

Share only what you want to share. This page has no answer field, chat room, or shared session. It does not save or send answers; your own calling or messaging service has its own privacy settings.

Printing & privacy

Use Letter paper. Print single-sided at 100% / Actual size, one PDF page per sheet. Test one page first. Cut only the card sheets; keep host and sharing notes whole. No written answers are collected.

Original AI-assisted draft questions. Human English review, group playtesting, physical print quality, and duplex alignment are not yet verified. Planned durations are not measured outcomes.

Print check: measure these bars after printing at 100% / Actual size.

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One question. Two ways to share it.

During a call

One question, with optional replies

1. Ask whether a question sounds good, then pick one together.
2. Read it aloud. Speak, listen, make up an answer, or pass; cameras are optional.
3. Stop after that question or change the subject. No one has to take a turn.

In an existing message thread

Reply whenever you want, or leave it unanswered

1. Copy one question into a private thread only if a prompt would be welcome.
2. Add your own answer if you want, and make clear that there is no rush to reply.
3. Let the thread rest. No reminders, reply deadline, or explanation for silence are needed.

Host checklist

- Keep the invitation optional; do not measure the friendship by replies.
- No photos, room tours, location details, or proof of an answer.
- Use your usual communication tools and check their privacy settings.
- Choose another card only if everyone wants to continue.

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Card sheet / Cut along the thin outlines

F21-001 / REV 1

Little updates

What's something from your week that would never make it into a big catch-up?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-002 / REV 1

Little updates

What have you been getting into lately that I might not have heard about yet?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-003 / REV 1

Little updates

Which everyday sound would help me picture an ordinary day where you are?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-004 / REV 1

Little updates

What small win would you have mentioned if we'd bumped into each other today?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-005 / REV 1

Little updates

What's a tiny annoyance from this week that we could give a ridiculous name?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-006 / REV 1

Little updates

What would you put in a one-sentence update with absolutely no exciting news?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-007 / REV 1

Little updates

Which part of an ordinary errand would you include in a very uneventful voice message?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-008 / REV 1

Little updates

What part of your day feels different from the way I probably still picture it?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F21-009 / REV 1

Shared threads

What half-finished conversation of ours would be fun to pick up again?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-010 / REV 1

Shared threads

What new meaning would you give an emoji if we used it only in our conversations?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-011 / REV 1

Shared threads

What completely unimportant topic could we keep discussing in messages for weeks?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-012 / REV 1

Shared threads

What would you add to a shared list called "Things only we would find interesting"?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-013 / REV 1

Shared threads

Which kind of everyday story do you like hearing from me, even when nothing much happens?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-014 / REV 1

Shared threads

What would you name a pretend newsletter containing our most uneventful updates?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-015 / REV 1

Shared threads

How would you sign off a message that has wandered through five unrelated subjects?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-016 / REV 1

Shared threads

How would you describe the weather in a message without using a weather word?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F21-017 / REV 1

A little make-believe

If our messages were delivered by an imaginary creature, how would it announce its arrival?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-018 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What would a tiny help desk for mixed-up messages offer?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-019 / REV 1

A little make-believe

If our messages traveled through the sea, what would they collect along the way?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-020 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What would an intermission between our messages look like as a scene in a silent film?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-021 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What imaginary item would you send through a phone if it could carry something besides sound?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-022 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What opening line would you give a story we wrote one sentence at a time from different places?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-023 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What title would you give a comic strip about two friends whose messages always cross?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F21-024 / REV 1

A little make-believe

What would happen if our next call were briefly translated into a language spoken only by houseplants?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.