

## Conversation Starters for Phone Pen Pals

So, you're getting ready to have your first phone call with your "pen pal". Maybe you have some ideas of what to say, but if not- never fear! Here are a few tried-and-tested conversation starter questions for you to lead the way. You'll be chatting like lifelong friends in no time!

- Ask about their past.
  - What is your favorite childhood memory?
  - What was it like where you grew up?
  - What did you and your friends do for fun when you were younger?
  - What's the weirdest fad you remember?
  - What was the best lesson you learned?
  - Where was the first job you had?
  - Where was your favorite place that you've traveled to so far?
- Getting older
  - How do you think the world has changed from when you were my age?
  - What is something that made you happy this week?
  - What's the most rewarding thing about getting older?
  - If you could go back to any age, what would it be? And why?
- Your family
  - If married- how did you meet your spouse?
  - Do you have children? What are they like?
  - What were your parents like?
  - Do you have siblings? What are they like, if so?
- Look toward the future.
  - How do you imagine the world will change in 10 years?
  - Who has influenced you the most in your life?
  - What life advice would you pass along, to yourself 30 years ago?
- Ask about their favorite things.
  - What is your favorite type of show/movie/music?
  - Favorite Food?
  - Favorite Car?
  - Favorite period of time in your life?
  - What do you like to do for fun nowadays?
  - What is a new skill you would like to learn?
  - Do you have a "hidden" talent?
- Ask about accomplishments.
  - What are you most proud of?
  - What was the best day of your life?
  - How have your dreams and goals changed throughout your life?
  - How would you like to be remembered?