



# The Book of Blanks



**This is Me. Who Are You?  
The Ultimate Interview Game**

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## Introduction

The *Book of Blanks* is a simple way to stimulate conversation and exchange information. By virtue of its form — fill in the blanks — it's a game that provokes interaction.

How you provoke that is up to you.

Make up your own rules. You can tell the truth or you can fib. You can shoot straight from the heart or you can leap off the comedy wall. You can be impulsive and say the first thing that jumps into your consciousness or you can dip deep down into the shadows of your inner depths. You can put a time limit on it. Ten questions in one minute or you can slow dance across all the topics. Doesn't matter. It's play time. Have fun.

*The Book of Blanks* can be used as a “Getting to know you” game; qualifying the mystery man in dark glasses who wants to run off with your daughter; examining a job applicant; spicing up a long ride cross country or breaking the ice at your next house party. You can play it alone like solitaire.





But remember, if you're asking your partner or partners to tell the truth, you should refrain from showing disapproval for their answers. Accept what you get. Sure, ask questions if you like, but conversations work best when both parties refrain from negative criticism.

Life is a continuing personal story that only makes sense when we fill in the blanks. Go for it. Enjoy!





## Blanks in General

When Satan whispers in my ear, he says \_\_\_\_\_

The one thing about men that women don't understand is \_\_\_\_\_



The one thing about women that men don't understand is \_\_\_\_\_

My first command to my magic genie would be to turn me into a \_\_\_\_\_

If I had to spend the rest of my life as a character in a famous book, it would be \_\_\_\_\_





If I could perform miracles, my first would be

\_\_\_\_\_

The best thing a human being can do for themselves is \_\_\_\_\_



If there were no such thing as money, I'd be working at \_\_\_\_\_



The biggest undeveloped talent I have is \_\_\_\_\_

A book I read that really impressed me was \_\_\_\_\_







The greatest kindness ever show me was \_\_\_\_\_

If I could get a line in the history books, it would say \_\_\_\_\_

The wildest thing I ever saw while driving my car was \_\_\_\_\_



The wildest thing I ever did while driving my car was \_\_\_\_\_

One thing about the Bible I don't understand is \_\_\_\_\_





If I were to pick up the phone right now and call someone out of the blue whom I haven't talked to in years, it would be \_\_\_\_\_

The most difficult emotion for me to express is \_\_\_\_\_



If I were to begin a business right now, it would be \_\_\_\_\_



When I think of myself as very old, I see a vision of \_\_\_\_\_

The wisest thing I ever did with money was \_\_\_\_





The way I get alone in nature is to \_\_\_\_\_

The most fun I have by myself is \_\_\_\_\_

The worst neighbors are the ones who \_\_\_\_\_



Being around \_\_\_\_\_ makes me nervous.

The New Year's Eve I'll never forget was \_\_\_\_\_





My fondest Christmas memory is \_\_\_\_\_

Parents are best when they \_\_\_\_\_

The one virtue I admire in others that I need to  
develop in myself is \_\_\_\_\_



If I were perfect, the one thing about me you  
would notice immediately is \_\_\_\_\_

The height of politeness is \_\_\_\_\_





To this day I'm still curious about \_\_\_\_\_

The highest praise you can give a person is \_\_\_\_

Human beings have made the most progress in  
\_\_\_\_\_



The most courageous act I've ever witnessed  
was \_\_\_\_\_

If I lost everything and didn't have a penny to  
my name, the very first positive act I would take  
is \_\_\_\_\_





The easiest way to start a conversation with a stranger is to \_\_\_\_\_

If I hosted a radio talk show, I'd always be talking about \_\_\_\_\_



The most fun I ever had in the rain is \_\_\_\_\_



If I had to spend the rest of my life selling something, it would be \_\_\_\_\_

The greatest inspiration you can give another person is \_\_\_\_\_





The first movie I produce will be the story of \_\_\_\_\_

The best thing modern science has done for humanity is \_\_\_\_\_



The best question you can ask a person to find out who they really are is \_\_\_\_\_



On airplanes, why do people always \_\_\_\_\_

The most significant piece of information about my mother's relatives is \_\_\_\_\_





The most significant piece of information about my father's relatives is \_\_\_\_\_

If I were to laugh at the funniest thing I do, I'd be laughing at \_\_\_\_\_



The thing that bugs me most about supermarkets is \_\_\_\_\_



The very best thing you can teach a person to do is \_\_\_\_\_

I would love to star in a television commercial for \_\_\_\_\_







The eleventh Commandment should be \_\_\_\_\_

If everyone told the truth, there would be \_\_\_\_\_

Time began when \_\_\_\_\_



If heaven exists it probably looks like \_\_\_\_\_



One character in literature I really admire is \_\_\_\_\_





The one thing most people do that I just can't tolerate is \_\_\_\_\_

If I were to teach people one skill I've learned, it would be how to \_\_\_\_\_



Why do people in check-out lines always \_\_\_\_\_



One piece of wisdom I've read that I've committed to memory is \_\_\_\_\_

If someone wanted to get a laugh imitating me, they would have to exaggerate the way I \_\_\_\_\_





The most exciting time in history was \_\_\_\_\_

Honesty may be the best policy but it can get you into a lot of trouble when \_\_\_\_\_

The most soothing word in our language is \_\_\_\_



Most successful marriages are built on \_\_\_\_\_

If I had to live on an island for the rest of my life, I'd pick the island of \_\_\_\_\_





Aside from a belief in a supreme being, the one thing all religions have in common is \_\_\_\_\_

I simply must congratulate myself on \_\_\_\_\_

If I had lived in the old West, I probably would have been a \_\_\_\_\_



I'd rather be dead than caught wearing a \_\_\_\_\_

The most useless job in the universe is \_\_\_\_\_





Here's my knock-knock joke. Ready, knock-knock (Who's there?) \_\_\_\_\_

When I become very old, I will probably become the kind of senior citizen who \_\_\_\_\_



The kindest person I know is \_\_\_\_\_



Aside from reading and writing, every human being should be required to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_

The laughter I remember is \_\_\_\_\_





In a former life I was a \_\_\_\_\_

The most beautiful name I ever heard was \_\_\_\_\_

The first thing I notice when I look in the mirror  
is my \_\_\_\_\_



Television is at its best when \_\_\_\_\_

When all is said and done, the greatest joy in life  
is \_\_\_\_\_





# Childhood

The very first thing I remember as a child was

\_\_\_\_\_

The one word that best describes my childhood is \_\_\_\_\_



My funniest memory is \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest character to enter my childhood was

\_\_\_\_\_

The biggest fear I had when I was small was \_\_\_\_





I was most proud of \_\_\_\_\_

The funniest name I remember is \_\_\_\_\_

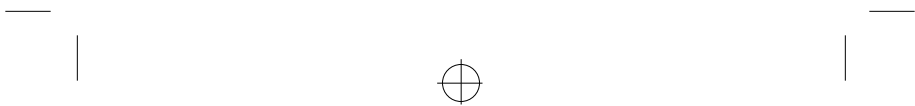
My hero was \_\_\_\_\_



When I was alone, I used to \_\_\_\_\_



My favorite game was \_\_\_\_\_







I found out about sex when \_\_\_\_\_

The naughtiest thing I did was \_\_\_\_\_

When I daydreamed, I had visions of \_\_\_\_\_



I thought I was really good at \_\_\_\_\_



My biggest secret was \_\_\_\_\_





I had a crush on \_\_\_\_\_

I never understood \_\_\_\_\_

I first learned about death when \_\_\_\_\_



The one smell that still lingers in my memory  
from those days is \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest monster in my life was \_\_\_\_\_





When I grew up I wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_

In school I had the hardest time learning \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite game was \_\_\_\_\_



When I played “make believe,” it was always  
about \_\_\_\_\_

When I was punished, it was usually about \_\_\_\_\_





The day I cried was \_\_\_\_\_

I couldn't stop laughing when \_\_\_\_\_

The moment I felt most loved and most secure  
was \_\_\_\_\_



I think I knew my childhood was over when \_\_\_\_

The one thing I always wanted but never got was  
\_\_\_\_\_





When I picture my neighborhood, I see \_\_\_\_\_

I loved it when my Mom and I would \_\_\_\_\_

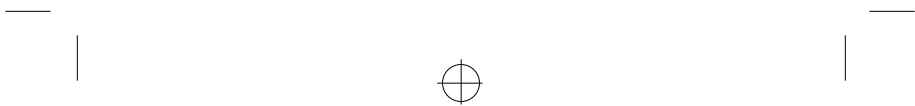
I loved it when my Dad and I would \_\_\_\_\_



My most prized possession was \_\_\_\_\_



My happiest day was \_\_\_\_\_





If I could talk to the little kid that used to be me,  
I'd say, " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

No one ever answered me when I asked \_\_\_\_\_

Once, when no one was looking, I \_\_\_\_\_



I used to do a funny imitation of \_\_\_\_\_

When I heard God's name mentioned, I had an  
image of \_\_\_\_\_





I always felt safe when \_\_\_\_\_

A word I remember from those days is \_\_\_\_\_

My secret hiding place was \_\_\_\_\_



The silly joke I told all the time was \_\_\_\_\_



I'd give anything if I could be a kid again and  
once more experience \_\_\_\_\_







# Danger

The day I didn't think I'd make it was \_\_\_\_\_

I almost got caught when \_\_\_\_\_



When things get rough, the one consoling thought I have is \_\_\_\_\_

I'm most afraid when \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest risk I could take in my life right now is \_\_\_\_\_





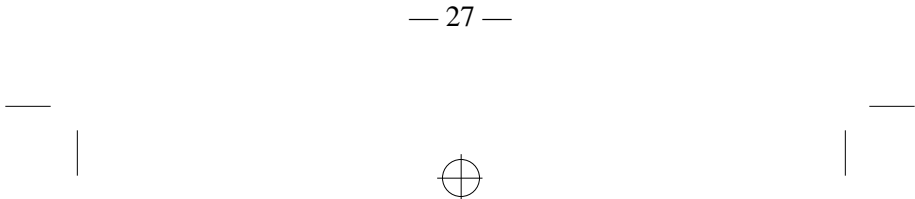
My recurring nightmare is \_\_\_\_\_

When I think about my own death, the vision I have is \_\_\_\_\_

The most dangerous person in my life is \_\_\_\_\_

The most dangerous thought I have is \_\_\_\_\_

The most dangerous thing about me is \_\_\_\_\_





The mistake I keep making that could land me in big trouble is \_\_\_\_\_

If I don't change \_\_\_\_\_ my health will suffer.

The ultimate danger for any human being is \_\_\_\_\_



I fought like a tiger when \_\_\_\_\_

The odds were against me when \_\_\_\_\_





I've got to learn to say "no" to \_\_\_\_\_

The day my behavior was most reckless was \_\_\_

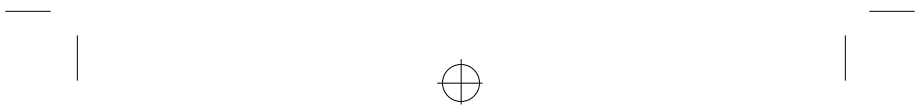
I would describe my temper as \_\_\_\_\_



The one area of money management I am most inept at is \_\_\_\_\_



I am very sensitive to people criticizing my \_\_\_





I should have listened to my intuition when \_\_\_\_

People give me lots of space when I start \_\_\_\_\_

The easiest way to take advantage of me is to \_



You get on my bad side when you \_\_\_\_\_





# The Real Me

The biggest “why” question in my life is: why is  
\_\_\_\_\_

I live by the slogan \_\_\_\_\_

The first impression I give people is \_\_\_\_\_

I am moved to tears when \_\_\_\_\_

The one authority I respect more than any other  
is \_\_\_\_\_



If I had the power to make the world better, the first thing I'd do would be to \_\_\_\_\_

The one thing I need to let go of is \_\_\_\_\_

Children teach me that \_\_\_\_\_



The most persistent message I get from my inner voice is \_\_\_\_\_

I still have a deep burning desire to \_\_\_\_\_





If my mother were describing me, she'd say \_\_

If my father were describing me, he'd say \_\_\_\_

The biggest excuse I make for not doing the things that are really important to me is \_\_\_\_\_



My greatest sense of appreciation is for \_\_\_\_\_

The closest I've ever come to suicide was \_\_\_\_





When I hear the word “home,” I think of \_\_\_\_\_

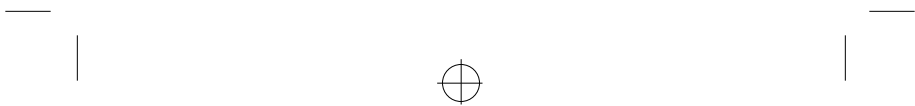
The most consistent criticism people make of me is \_\_\_\_\_

The thing people like most about me is \_\_\_\_\_



If I had the guts to chuck it all in and pursue my dream, I’d be doing \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

The most daring thing I ever did was \_\_\_\_\_







The one thing that always makes me laugh is\_\_

My self esteem is highest when \_\_\_\_\_

The one human being in the world I admire most  
is \_\_\_\_\_



I wish I was really good at \_\_\_\_\_

My most obvious inherited characteristic from  
my father's side of the family is my \_\_\_\_\_ .  
From my mother's side \_\_\_\_\_ .





The best investment I ever made in another human being was \_\_\_\_\_

Of all the mysteries in the world, the one that confounds me the most is \_\_\_\_\_



Of all the mysteries in the world, the one that confounds me the least is \_\_\_\_\_



I have a natural talent for \_\_\_\_\_

The type of personality that drives me up the wall is \_\_\_\_\_





I lose my temper when \_\_\_\_\_

The one thing about me that I fear the most is \_

If there is a God and I could ask Him any three questions, the first would be \_\_\_\_\_ .

The second would be \_\_\_\_\_ .

The third would be \_\_\_\_\_ .



The best way to describe me as a friend is \_\_\_\_\_

The one thing that brings me back down to earth when I am on my high horse is \_\_\_\_\_





The most consistent lie I tell is \_\_\_\_\_

I am most ashamed of \_\_\_\_\_

The funniest thing about me is \_\_\_\_\_



If I had to boil my life down to one central message, it would be \_\_\_\_\_



The one word I am most fond of is \_\_\_\_\_





All I really need to be happy is \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest misconception people have of me is  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are what you eat then I am \_\_\_\_\_



The most difficult event I've had to deal with in  
my life was \_\_\_\_\_

My "Plan B" in life is \_\_\_\_\_





When I need fun and laughter in my life I \_\_\_\_\_

The one thing that always calms me down and makes me immediately aware of what is most important in life is \_\_\_\_\_



I have always been most optimistic about \_\_\_\_\_



If you asked my friends what my greatest ability is, they would say \_\_\_\_\_

The number one thing you need to know to get along with me is \_\_\_\_\_





Other than my family, the one thing in the world  
I would die for would be \_\_\_\_\_

The one common thread in all the stories of my  
life is \_\_\_\_\_



The one event that had the most influence on my  
life is \_\_\_\_\_



Of all the movies I've seen, the one I identify  
with the most is \_\_\_\_\_

What I like most about me is \_\_\_\_\_





## The Other Me

The best description of the dark side of my nature is \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest thing about me that people don't know is \_\_\_\_\_



When I'm alone, I sometimes \_\_\_\_\_

The weirdest thing I ever tried was \_\_\_\_\_

If I were to put a costume on the "secret me," it would be a \_\_\_\_\_







The biggest accident I ever caused was \_\_\_\_\_

I may never forgive \_\_\_\_\_

One of the strangest thoughts I ever had was \_\_\_\_



When I talk to myself, the conversation is usually about \_\_\_\_\_



Something I've done that nobody knows about is  
\_\_\_\_\_





The one material thing I want that I know I'll never get is \_\_\_\_\_

My pet name for myself is \_\_\_\_\_



The one person I should call and say, "I'm sorry," to is \_\_\_\_\_



I sometimes sit for a long time and look at a photograph of \_\_\_\_\_

The time I was most untrue to myself was \_\_\_\_\_





The closest I've come to living a fairy tale was

\_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes a voice inside says to me, " \_\_\_\_\_ "

If I were to get wild and funky in my retirement years, I'd probably start \_\_\_\_\_



The advice people give me that I should take but don't is \_\_\_\_\_

When I look in the mirror I think \_\_\_\_\_





The agreement I once broke was \_\_\_\_\_

If I had to forgive myself for something, it would be \_\_\_\_\_

An alibi I frequently use is \_\_\_\_\_

I've made a secret pact with myself to \_\_\_\_\_

If you really want to rattle my cage, ask me \_\_\_\_

