

## TYPICAL CUSTODY QUESTIONS

1. Please state your name, age - education - residence - health - date married - date separated.
2. Names, ages, birthdates of the children.
3. Are you employed?
4. By whom - how long - job description?
5. What time do you leave to go to work in the morning?
6. What time do you usually leave to come home in the evening?
7. How does your leaving for work in the morning coordinate with the children leaving to go to school in the morning?
8. How would you handle the children going to school in the morning in the event the Court grants you custody?
9. How is it handled at the present time?
10. Do you have flexibility with your employment in the event the children become ill or for another reason you have to be home with them for a day or two?
11. Who prepares the meals for the children in the home?
12. How many meals a day do they have in the home?
13. What kind of meals do the children have for breakfast?
14. Who prepares the breakfast?
15. Who prepares lunch?
16. Who prepares dinner?
17. What kind of meals do you have for lunch and dinner?
18. Do you try to provide the children with balanced meals and are you aware of the nutritional value of foods?
19. What time do you generally have dinner?
20. Does your spouse come home for dinner?
21. Do you have dinner together?

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22. What kind of dinners are usually served in the home?
23. Describe conversations, if any, you have as you eat.
24. Do the children like the foods you prepare?
25. What are the children's favorite foods?
26. Who does the shopping for food?
27. Where do you shop for food? Do the children go with you when you shop?
28. Do you eat out with the children?
29. Describe the children's manners, table and otherwise.
30. Describe the children's cleanliness and how you would tend to their hygiene.
31. Do they have separate bedrooms? Describe their bedrooms.
32. Do the children have chores and responsibilities about the house? What are they?
33. How and why did you select these particular chores?
34. Are the children responsible for their rooms and clothes?
35. Has your husband/wife ever complained to you about the children?
36. Does your spouse allow the children to have friends over to spend the night?
37. Who is the children's Doctor or pediatrician?
38. Where is his office located?
39. Who takes the children to the Doctor?
40. Do you know the Doctor?
41. Estimate how many times you've been to the Doctor with the children.
42. Has your spouse been to the Doctor's office?
43. Do the children have any special medical or dental health problems?
44. Do the children go for regular medical and dental checkups?

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45. Who takes them?
46. How often?
47. Do the children have any prescriptions that they are taking at this time?
48. Have they taken prescription drugs over the past several years?
49. Who gives the children the medicine when they need it?
50. During the past several years have any of the children been ill enough that they've had to stay home for several days?
51. Who would stay with the children during this period?
52. Did that create any problems with your employment or with your spouse's employment?
53. Who purchases clothing for the children?
54. Where do you purchase the clothes?
55. Do you shop with the children?
56. How do you select clothes for the children?
57. Specify the clothes sizes that each child wears.
58. Does your spouse know the children's clothing size?
59. Do the children have any particular likes or dislikes regarding their clothing?
60. Do you see that the children brush their teeth regularly?
61. Who does the laundry, mending and sewing?
62. What school do the children attend?
63. What grade are they in?
64. Have you visited the school?
65. Have you engaged in activities at the school (PTA or volunteer)? How often do you do this?
66. Have you met with the teachers? How often?

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67. Are the children having problems in school?
68. How are their grades?
69. Do they like school?
70. How do they get along with their classmates?
71. Do they like their teachers?
72. Do the children have homework?
73. Does the child ever ask you or your spouse to come help with homework?
74. Do you help the child with homework?
75. In reference to other intellectual activities, do you or your spouse read to the children in the home, take them to museums, theaters, plays, etc.?
76. Do the children have music lessons?
77. What is your position concerning television viewing by the children?
78. How do you deal with discipline with the children?
79. What is your involvement with the children's religious activities?
80. Do the children have birthday parties?
81. Who sets them up?
82. Describe his past birthday party.
83. Do you have any particular kinds of talents that enable you to be a good parent?
84. Describe a typical weekday that you would have with your children from the time the first person in the household gets up until the end of the day when the last person goes to sleep.
85. Describe in detail a typical weekend, a Saturday or Sunday, from the time the first person wakes up until the last person goes to sleep.
86. Describe the children's relationship with their father/mother.
87. What kind of relationship do you have with the children

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88. Why do you believe that the children would be better of in your custody than in the custody of your spouse?
89. If you were awarded custody of the children, would you encourage a strong relationship between them and their father/mother?
90. Describe the personality of each child and how you respond to each child's individual needs.

## **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Doctor, Dentist visits**  
**Yearly physicals**  
**Arrange visitation**  
**Purchase clothing**  
**Allowances**  
**Discipline**  
**Help with homework**  
**Transport to scouts**  
**Work on scout badges**  
**Help with Girl Scout troop**  
**Help with Boy Scout troop**  
**Have friends over for the night**  
**Teach responsibility with household jobs**  
**Chauffeur**  
**Plan and carry out Birthday Parties**  
**Monitor Grades**  
**Calls to teachers and principals**  
**Attendance at plays and concerts**  
**Teacher/parent conferences**  
**Hair cuts**  
**Cooking and teaching cooking**  
**Monitor friends**  
**Wash, sort and iron clothes**  
**Read to children**  
**Maintain relationships with relatives**  
**Encourage music, dance lessons, etc.**  
**Monitor TV viewing**  
**Referee fights between siblings**  
**Religious training, church activities**  
**Cleaning**