



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 _____

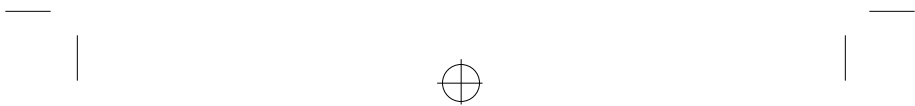
The most consistent criticism people make of me
is _____

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 ____

