

# 67 QUESTIONS TO BUILD COMMUNITY IN AN ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

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Every year in our classroom, we do many community building activities at the beginning of the year, after a long break, and when we needed a reset. Many years I also had a community circle at the end of the day, where we would reflect on our day and get to know each other just a little bit better.

Throughout the years, I have collected questions that I could ask students to promote community. The questions below range from surface-level to more thoughtful and are great for any elementary grade.

## WAYS TO USE THESE QUESTIONS TO BUILD COMMUNITY

There are many ways to use these questions throughout the school year. Here are a few ideas:

- Community Building Circle at the beginning or end of the day
- Think-Pair-Share after recess
- Inside-Outside circle
- Line of two groups of students who share with one student then move down the line
- Musical Partners, where students find a partner, ask and answer the question and then trade questions
- Have students choose a number and answer that question

The beauty of these questions is that you can use them to establish classroom routines around student sharing. Use them to practice expectations of taking turns and how you want students to move around the classroom.

These questions and prompts are also great for opinion writing. Most of them center around expressing student ideas. Use them for your [opinion writing unit](#).

You can also use them for journals! The possibilities are endless.

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1. What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?
2. What's your least favorite type of candy?
3. What's your favorite television show?
4. What's your favorite class?
5. What's your favorite color?
6. What's your least favorite food?
7. If you could move anywhere, where would you live?
8. What's your favorite movie?
9. What's your favorite vacation spot?
10. What's your favorite sport?
11. What do you want to be when you grow up?
12. Where do you want to go to college?
13. What's your favorite hobby?
14. What's your dream job?
15. Who is most inspiring to you?
16. If you could go to any point in history, where would you go?
17. Who is your favorite person in history?
18. What's your favorite car?
19. If you could be any animal, what would you be?
20. If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?
21. If you could have one animal as a pet what would it be?
22. If you could be a wild animal, which one would you choose and why?
23. If you could improve on any gift that you have what would it be?
24. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
25. If someone could predict your future, would you want yours predicted? Why or why not?
26. If you could change one event in history, what would it be?
27. What's your favorite type of food?
28. What are you most afraid of?
29. What's your greatest accomplishment so far?
30. What motivates you?
31. What would you change about today?
32. What's your favorite soda?
33. What's your favorite book or movie?
34. What is something that you really want to do in your lifetime?
35. What would be one of the first things you would do if you became president?

36. What's your first memory?
37. What is one thing that you like about yourself?
38. What is something you do that bothers other people?
39. If you had three wishes what would they be?
40. What do you enjoy doing with your family?
41. What is your favorite thing to do during recess?
42. What do you like to eat in the lunchroom?
43. What are you looking forward to learning about this year (week, month)?
44. What are three things that you do every day?
45. What is your favorite fairytale?
46. What is your favorite book character?
47. What do you like to do on a rainy day (sunny day)?
48. Are you organized or messy?
49. Name one thing you would like to have in the future.
50. If you could be any place in nature, where would you go?
51. What is a positive quality that you have?
52. Name something that you've done recently for the first time.
53. Name something that you've never done, but would like to try.
54. Tell about something for which you are thankful.
55. If this week of your life were a movie or book, what would the title be and why?
56. If you were a plant, what kind would you be and why?
57. If you could be someone else for a day, who would you be and why?
58. If you could have dinner with anyone living or dead, who would it be and why?
59. If you were to have a tattoo for a week, what would it be and why?
60. Close your eyes and imagine yourself ten years from now. Where are you? What are you doing?
61. Pick a word to describe your future. Why did you choose that word?
62. Talk about something happening in the world that concerns you.
63. Talk about something happening in the world today that excites or inspires you.
64. Talk about your favorite season and what you love about it.
65. What superpower would you like to have and why?
66. If you could change your name would you? What would you change it to?
67. Talk about a funny or scary adventure you had with a friend.