

Suggested questions for the transcript task

Overview of the speaker's childhood family

Adult

- Before we begin, can you give me a brief overview of your childhood family? For example, where you were born, who was in your family, where you lived, what your parents did for a living, and whether you moved around much - things like that.
- Did you know your grandparents when you were a child?
- Were there any other people to whom you were close when you were young?
- What is the earliest memory that you have as a child? Tell me as much as you can remember about it.

The relationships with attachment figures

- I'd like you to describe your relationship with your mother, as far back as you can remember.
- Now, I'd like you to choose three words or phrases to describe your relationship with your mother when you were young.
- You said that relationship with your mother was _____. Can you tell me about a specific occasion when your relationship was _____? Try to think back as far as you can. [Repeat this follow on question for each of the words given]
- Could you now describe your relationship with your father, going as far back as you can.
- Now, I'd like you to choose three words or phrases that describe your relationship with your father when you were young.
- You said that relationship with your father was _____. Can you give me a memory of a specific occasion when your relationship was _____? Try to think back as far as you can. [Repeat this follow on question for each of the words given]
- To which parent did you feel closest as a child?
- Why do you think you felt closer to _____?
- Why isn't there this feeling with _____ (the other parent)?

Adolescent (15-23yrs)

- Before we begin, can you tell me about your family? For example, where you were born, who was in your family, where you have lived, what your parents do for a living, and whether you moved around much - things like that. I just want to know something about your family before we start.
- Do you know your grandparents well? Have they had caregiving responsibility for you?
- Are there any other people who are especially important to you, when you were growing up or no?
- Ok that's your family. Can you tell me how you spend your days now? For example, whether you go to school or work? Whether you have any important friends or someone you love? Where you live now and whether you have children. I just want to get a sense of how you live now.
- What is the earliest memory you have as a child? Will you describe it in as much detail as possible.
- Why do you think that memory sticks in your mind?

The relationships with attachment figures

- I'd like you to describe your relationship with your mother, as far back as you can remember.
- Now, I'd like you to choose three words or phrases to describe your relationship with your mother when you were younger (like when you were in primary school or before that?).
- You said that relationship with your mother was _____. Can you tell me about a specific occasion when your relationship was like that? Try to think back as far as you can. [Repeat this follow on question for each of the words given]
- Could you now describe your relationship with your father, going as far back as you can.
- Now, I'd like you to choose three words or phrases that describe your relationship with your father when you were young.
- You said that relationship with your father was _____. Can you give me a memory of a specific occasion when your relationship was _____? Try to think back as far as you can. [Repeat this follow on question for each of the words given]
- To which parent did you feel closest to as a younger child, like when you were in primary school or before that? Is that true even now or has it changed?
- Why do you think you felt closer to _____?

- You said that _____ is (or was) your best/boy/girlfriend/partner. Can you tell me a bit about them?
- After receiving the answer, ask follow-up questions to include:
 - a) Kinds of things done together
 - b) How long known
 - c) How often seen
 - d) Whether they told each other special and confidential things
 - e) Whether the relationship was romantic
 - f) How the relationship ended (if it ended); or what could end it if it is current.
- Finally, ask for one episode that shows how you feel/felt about this person.