

Special Times

Every childhood includes special times, whether they are holidays, family celebrations or other occasions. Write about the special times in your life, past and present.

Getting Started

1. What was the best gift you ever received when you were young? What was the best gift you ever gave?
2. What are some of your family traditions? For example, do you always cut your own Christmas tree, go to Grandma's for Thanksgiving dinner, camp in the mountains on Memorial Day weekend or attend community festivals like Cinco de Mayo, Chinese New Year or Oktoberfest? Is there a particular holiday you remember especially well?
3. What birthday do you remember best? Why?
4. Does your family take vacations together? If so, where have you gone? How did you get there? What was the most fun? What was not fun?
5. What do you like to do on holidays or special occasions, like the Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, etc.?
6. Were you ever in a wedding? Whose was it? What did you do? What did you wear?
7. What "firsts" do you remember so far in your life – first airplane ride, first communion, first time you rode a bicycle, first time you went to the movies, etc.? Describe the firsts.
8. Was any person (other than a parent) very special to you when you were growing up? Explain.