

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Can We Talk?

Conduct a Personal Interview

You think you know someone well: your teacher, grandparent, coach, parent. ~~But~~ Conducting a personal interview with someone may uncover fascinating facts and stories you might not have known. Choose a person in your life to interview. Use some of the questions below to get you started and add your own. Avoid questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no." Use your interview notes to write a newspaper article or magazine story (about 250 words) and send it to us at scopemag@scholastic.com. We may publish it in a future issue!

Name of the person you're writing about: _____

1. GET THE BASICS

- What's your full name (including your middle name!) and date of birth?
- How did your parents choose your name?
- Where were you born?
- What's your favorite detail about your family? Least favorite?
- Who is your favorite relative? Why?
- Name something surprising about your family that most people don't know.

2. LIFE EVENTS

- What's your earliest memory?
- What was your favorite book as a child?
- What was your most embarrassing or memorable moment in school?

- Describe your favorite activity with your family.
- What have you achieved that makes you proud?
- What's your personal motto?

3. PEOPLE

- Who was your first best friend? How did you meet?
- Which teacher influenced you the most? How?
- Who is or has been a hero or role model for you?
- What adjectives describe you?
- What secret fact would you like people to know about you?

Add your own questions, and be sure to use a tape recorder or to take careful notes when you do your interview. Ask your subject if you can check in with him or her again once you're reviewed your notes, to fill in any missing details. Once you've gathered all your facts, it's time to write!

4. PORTRAIT DESIGN

- WHAT ARE TWO COLORS THAT REPRESENT YOU?
- WHAT IS A SYMBOL THAT REPRESENTS YOU?