# Family questionnaire

## Power and money

Who is the leader of the family? Who would be saying the last word in the discussion (when we disagree)?

How much are we expected to earn? Can you (me) complain the you (me) earn too little?

Is it ok to receive a financial help from our parents? Will we help them? How much and what would this mean for us? How should we thank them for that they are helping us?

How are we going to manage our budget? Do we have our “personal” money (how much?) and some shared money or everything is shared?

If you see that I spend too much, on, say, jewels or clothes. How would you react? What would you say?

Which thing in the house should we take special care of? Which things should not be in our house?

## Job

If meet a difficult time, what would you prioritize, job or family? Both of us?

Do you have anything against some jobs I may take? What kind of jobs aren’t acceptable?

Will you/me be able to change our jobs if needed for family. For what kind of job and in which circumstances?

## Food and nutrition

Your preferences and requirements? What about vegetarian diet and junk food? Should we take care about how beautifully the food is served?

What should we say if the food is not tasty, boring? How to thank for an especially good food?

Who is responsible for shopping?

If one of us is cooking a dinner, should another one help? How? Are we allowed to say “this is bad a meal”?

Who is responsible for cleaning up the table and dish washing?

Following this, how should we react when the responsible person did not clean up the table and did not washed the dished in time?

## Tiding up the house

Is that important for us to have the house clean?

Who is vacuum cleaning? Who is washing the floor? Who is clearing the dust?

How often do we clean?

If some of us brought mess from outside, should he/she clean up after themselves?

Do we leave the bed in order, when? Do we put the clothes on the places designated for them? Do we allow to spread clothes up all over the house?

What if someone did not wash, tidy up, put a mess, etc. What can another one say?

Do we say critics to each other? In which way? What kind of critics is not acceptable?

## Regime and sport

Can we go to bed and wake up at the different time? How do we respect each other’s regime, for instance, what can’t you/me do when you/me is already sleeping?

Is it compulsory to wake up at a certain time? Do exercise? Can you/me demand that another spouse wake up and get ready at a certain time? When? How?

## Clothes, style and beauty

What is ours family attitude to fashion? How much are we ready to spend on clothes? Do we agree and discuss what another spouse should wear or we do that randomly? Can one criticise the clothes of another and how? How not?

How to react about dirty hair, face, nails?

How often to change bedsheets?

## Health

Do we advise each other about health? Are we allowed to say eat/do not eat this, or other things about health? How?

If you/me is sick, what should another spouse do? How much should we take care?

How do we help each other when sick?

Our children are sick. Do you rely on medicine only or cold-water treatment is also allowed?

## Relatives

How often should we visit the relatives? Should we always go together?

Do we allow relatives to affect out family life (especially, in quarrels)? Who and how will put them down?

What can we discuss with them and what is confidentially stays only between us two?

## Free time and hobbies

Do we need to have similar hobbies? What if hobbies interfere with family duties?

Can we visit friends, pubs, theatres, etc. Do we go hiking regularly? Do we prefer to whatch a movie instead of visiting friends? What is a priority?

Pets: which, how many?

## Planning

How do we arrange our plans so that they fit? Should we inform before hand about the plans for the evening/tomorrow?

If fail to keep a plan, how to explain? What would be the compensation?

## Children

How many? When? Any preferences about names? Dope?

What if we cannot have children together?

What if unplanned pregnancy?

Who will be the main responsible for a new-born (cleaning clothes, shopping, wake up during the night, early morning, maternity/paternity leave – how long for each?)

What to say if the help is not sufficient?

Who has the right to say the last word in children home education? If I take the main responsibility for a child’s education, do you still can decide something?

Traditional education or a private school?

Do we force children to do sport/music school or we allow them to choose?

## Friends

What do we need friends for and what do we do together with them?

How often, approximately, each of us wants to meet their friends? When do we visit yours/mine friends together, when separately?

Do we invite friends to overnight in your house if they need? All of them or just some?

What would be our attitude to our ex-partners?

## Mannerism and unhealthy habits

Which gestures of politeness we wish to see in each other’s behaviour?

With which intonations do we speak to each other on a daily basis? Do we allow to shout on each other? When?

Any taboo-words in speech and jokes that are not acceptable?

What if one of us is in a bad temper? Should we inform the partner beforehand? Leave each other privacy or show support?

Looking untidy: is that ok? When? What about clothing style at home?

Do we agree on drinking and smoking? Which and how often? What should be the reaction when one of us is totally drunk?

What about our attitude to TV, gaming, pubs? How often?

How to react on unhealthy habits of another? Such as dirty hands before the meal, dirty clothes on the bed, etc.

## Critics

Should we mention weak sides of each other? If yes, how and in which situations?

When critics is simply not allowed?

What shouldn’t’ be criticised at all?

## Relationships

Signs if love, what are they for us?

Presents? How often and what kind of?

How to react on a bad mood of a partner?

How to reach on «forgetfulness», «being late»? Lie? Deviations from the agreements? Being betrayed?

Can we write to each other when verbal discussion seems impossible?

How to ask for help? It’s ok to say “No”. How?

It ok to hurry each other up when needed? How shall we do it?

## Difficult questions of the family life

Which questions are difficult for us?

How to start a discussion of difficult questions?

Is it ok that one of us agrees with the other on the condition of the compensation (“payment”) to him/her? What kind of compensation?

## Mutual trust

Believe each other unconditionally or control each other? How to control if allowed?

Any secrets from each other?

Which questions are allowed and which are not?