

Real Lives Discussion Questions

These questions can be asked in a group setting following the game, or handed out ahead of time so that students can pay attention to various factors while they are playing.

About Your Character

1. What was the most interesting thing that happened to your character?
2. Who lived the longest?
3. Who lived the shortest?
4. How many of you were born in India? China? The U.S.? Where else?
5. What diseases did you have? How did you die?
6. What was the best thing that happened to you?
7. What was the worst thing that happened?
8. Who got married? How many children did you have?
9. Were there any natural disasters or environmental problems that your character had to deal with?
10. What kind of job did you have?
11. Who stayed in school? Why?
12. Did the amount of education you had and the kind of job you could get have any relation?
13. What were some of the moral or ethical decisions that you had to make? What did you do? (What are ethics?)
14. Did anyone get rich?
15. Who was poor?
16. Did anyone feel trapped?
17. How did it feel to be in a poor country?
18. What was the most memorable thing you learned in Real Lives?
19. What were the most important issues to your Real Lives character?
20. If you met the person you were in Real Lives, would you of been friends? Why? Why not?

Geography, Culture & Politics

21. How did your character's country differ from the country you currently live in?
22. Does geography impact a person's life? How?
23. How would your character in Real Lives been different if they were in another geographic location? In the U.S.?
24. How is the world interconnected? How are your Real Lives characters related?
25. What advice would your Real Lives character give to the President of the United States?
26. What would you do if you were the president of your Real Lives home country?
27. Do you think your character would have wanted to travel or even emigrate to another country? What country would they go to? Why?
28. What was the major religion of your Real Lives home country? Do you think that had any impact on your character's life?
29. After playing Real Lives, do you feel people around the world share the same goals and dreams? Why or Why not?
30. How might the world situation and characters be different in the Real Lives 2025 edition?