Generation Game Instructions

The Generation Game tries to spark the exchange between different generations and motivate discussion by asking interesting questions. This game manual is more a suggestion for playing than a set of rules. In the Generational Game there are no winners or losers, but it is about the fun of discussing.

That is what you need:

At least two players
A dice and a playing piece
Printed game board and question cards
Here you can download the instructions, the game board and the question cards!

In the game there are question cards for three categories:

The orange conversation questions focus on the relationship between two people.
The purple philosophical cards ask the big questions.
The red cards contrast old and new. Is one better than the other or is both justified?

The categories Philosophy (purple) and Old versus New (red) are presented to the whole group. The Discussion Questions (orange) are for one person only. Below each question is written with whom it should be discussed, e.g. with the person sitting two seats to the left.

This is how the game works:

The principle of the game is simple. The cards are sorted by colour and then shuffled in the respective deck. The shuffled decks are now placed face down on the corresponding places in the middle of the board and the game piece is placed on START.

The youngest player starts to roll the dice and moves the playing piece forward by the rolled result. He/she then takes the top card from the deck with the colour of the square where he/she has landed. The question on the card is now read out loud and the conversation begins. When you satisfactorily answered the question, the game continues clockwise.

If a person lands on START, they can choose a category freely. The game ends as soon as a time or number of rounds you have set passes.

Remember: The game is all about having fun and learning something new about others and maybe even about yourself. So, if you don’t like a suggestion in the instructions, simply discard it and redesign the game to your liking.

Have fun playing the game!

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Crafting

Here are a few tips for making cards and the board:

- Check if there is enough ink left in the printer for all colours before printing. If there is not enough ink from one colour, it can happen that the colours change.
- Use thicker paper for printing. A good thickness is for example 190g/sqm or more.
- The cards and the board are very colourful, so a lot of ink will be used for printing. If you want to be sparing you can use the ink saving version.
- To make the cards look a bit nicer you can set the print quality to high in the settings. Now the printing is much slower but the cards look way better.
What are you grateful for?

What do you think links us?

Of all the things I have done or said to you in the past, what do you remember most?

In what situation or period of life have you been worried about me?

What do you appreciate about me?

What did you learn about yourself during our relationship?

In which situation did you or did you not notice this before? What do you think about it?

What did you think about it?

What other things would you like to do or try together with me?

What do you think links us?

One trait/behaviour I can’t stand about myself is ... . In which situation did you or did you not notice this before? What do you think about it?

1st person to the left

2nd person to the left

3rd person to the left

4th person to the left

5th person to the left

6th person to the left

7th person to the left

8th person to the left
If I could change something about my personality, it would be....

What do you think about that?

What do you like about my appearance or the way I behave?

In your opinion:

In what situation did I show courage?

What is our strongest common ground and to what extent do we complement each other?

To what extent have I developed since we met?

What do you be proud of if you were me?

What would you miss most when we don't see each other for a long time?

To what extend do I make this world a more beautiful and better place?

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What do you think about that?

What do you think about that?
Was there something prior to the creation of the universe?

Does evolution have an ultimate goal?

When do I live right?

Which interference with nature do we want to allow?

Which interconnections between humans and technology do we want to allow?

What is art (nowadays)?

Does history repeat itself?
When will be the last time anyone thinks of you, ever?

How will we act when we encounter aliens?

Will humanity ever end? If so, why?

What would it mean for us if there were other/parallel universes?

Is death part of life?

When will we arrive on Mars?

Is 7 a lot?

How will we act when we encounter aliens?

When will be the last time anyone thinks of you, ever?
Cinema vs. Netflix

Books vs. eBooks

Podcast vs. Radio

Thermomix vs. Granny's recipe

CG animation vs. hand-drawn animation

Walkman vs. Spotify

Letters vs. WhatsApp

YouTube? What do you make of it?
City vs. Country Side
Car vs. Public Transport
Pokémon? What do you make of it?
Marvel? What do you make of it?
Influencer? What do you make of it?
Board games vs. Videogames
Jazz vs. Pop
TikTok? What do you make of it?
Pokémon? What do you make of it?
Marvel? What do you make of it?