



# 101 Questions for the Actor

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Answer the following questions for the *CHARACTER* you are playing? The answers to some questions will be found in the play's text. The ones not answered in the text will have to be created and invented by you the actor.

1. What is your full name?
2. What else are you called? [Nickname?]
3. What is your gender?
4. What is your age?
5. What is your height and weight?
6. What color are your hair, eyes, skin, etc.?
7. What sort of posture do you have?
8. What is your overall appearance? Physical stature? [Good looking, over-or underweight, clean, neat, pleasant, untidy., etc. Shape of head, face, limbs, etc.]
9. Any defects? [Deformities, abnormalities, birthmarks, addictions, diseases]
10. What about your ancestors and heredity?
11. Where do you live? [City, State, Country]
12. Where were you born?
13. When is your birthday? [Day, Month, Year]
14. What class of society are you? [Working, ruling, middle, petite bourgeoisie]
15. What is your occupation? [Type of work, hours of work, income, work conditions, work ethic, union or non-union position, attitude toward organization, your suitability for your work, etc.]
16. What is your education? [Amount, kind of schools, grades, favorite subjects, poorest subjects, aptitude]
17. What is your I.Q?
18. What about your home life? [Parents living, earning power, orphan, separated or divorced parents, parents' habits or addictions, parents mental development, neglect from parents, over-protective parents]
19. Do you have any brothers or sisters? How many older and how many younger? [estranged siblings, close with siblings, dead siblings, etc.]
20. What do you remember about the house you grew up in? [happy, stilted, comfortable, small, large, brightly painted, old house, modern house, neighborhood]
21. What is your marital status?
22. What religion do you practice if any?
23. What is your race or nationality?
24. What is your place in your community? [Leader among friends, clubs, sports]

25. What are your political affiliations? [Liberal, conservative, socialist, capitalist, indifferent]
26. What do you do for amusement? [Hobbies, books, newspapers, magazines you read, TV shows you watch, out-door events, volunteering activities]
27. What are/were some of the special occasions in your family? [Holidays, reunions, picnics, vacations, etc.]
28. What are/were some of the favorite or special homemade foods you ate as a child? [pumpkin pie, macaroni and cheese, eggs-benedict, etc.]
29. What were some of the games you played as a child? Name your favorites.
30. What is your favorite childhood memory?
31. What is your worst childhood memory?
32. What was/is your relationship with your family. [Describe in detail]
33. What promises have you made to yourself, if any?
34. What are your morals? What is your sex life like?
35. What is your personal ambition and premise? Your personal mission statement?
36. What are your chief frustrations and disappointments?
37. If you were a song what song would you be?
38. What is your basic temperament? [Choleric, sanguine, melancholic, egotistic, optimistic]
39. What is your general attitude toward life? [Militant, resigned, defeatist, realist]
40. Do you have any complexes? (obsessions, inhibitions, superstitions, phobias, manias)
41. If you were an animal what animal would you be?
42. What do you know that the other characters in the play/story don't know?
43. Would you rather shower or take a bath?
44. What special abilities if any do you have? [languages, talents, skills]
45. What are your best and worst qualities? [Judgment, intuition, imagination, taste, etc.]
46. Are you presently affiliated with any organizations? [Clubs, religious congregations, political]
47. Do/Did you smoke? [Why, when and how much]
48. What is your favorite drink, non-alcoholic, and alcoholic? [Beer, soda, water, wine, juice]
49. What section of the newspaper do you read first?
50. How much sleep do you get each night?
51. Do you practice any sort of spiritual exercise? [yoga, tai-chi, meditation]
52. What kind of music do you enjoy listening to most?
53. What have you been extremely happy about in the last month?
54. How do you feel about your age?
55. What do you do for exercise?
56. What is your best feature?
57. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
58. What is your favorite piece of clothing?
59. What are your favorite foods?
60. What are your favorite films/books? (If applicable)
61. Who is your mentor?
62. Who are your favorite celebrities? (If applicable)
63. What is your favorite sport – do you follow it regularly?

64. What time do you usually go to bed or retire for the evening?
65. What is your favorite time of day? Why?
66. What is your favorite season of the year?
67. Which do you prefer city or country living? Why?
68. Do you prefer intimate gatherings or large parties? Why?
69. What is your favorite animal?
70. What is your greatest fear?
71. What is your favorite sleeping dream?
72. What is your worst nightmare?
73. Who is your closest friend?
74. How would you like to spend your next vacation?
75. What type of clothing do you most often wear?
76. What is your favorite mode of travel?
77. Where would you go tonight if you could go anywhere?
78. What do you wish you had been or would like to be when you grow up?
79. Do you own a pet? If so, why? If not, why not?
80. What are your prejudices?
81. Are you an indoor or an outdoor person?
82. What do you feel about war?
83. What do you think of aged people? Wisdom, or just something to tolerate?
84. Do you have elderly people in your life? Who?
85. Do you have any children or young people in your life? Who?
86. What do you think of young people? [Stupidity, inexperience, energy, new-perspective]
87. Who was the last person you wrote a letter to and what did it say or concern?
88. Have you ever considered suicide?
89. What do you feel your future holds?
90. How do you feel about each of the other characters you meet in this play/story?
91. Can you play a musical instrument? What instrument?
92. Do you like to social dance? Who was the last person you danced with?
93. What did you do on your last birthday?
94. Who did you celebrate your last birthday with?
95. Who was/is your favorite school teacher? And why?
96. As a child how were you punished? [beaten, sent to room, time-out chair, mouth washed out with soap]
97. As a child how were you praised or rewarded? [With money, food, gifts]
98. Where have you been moments before you make your first entrance in the play?
99. When you exit the play for the final time if you could have your way how would things turn out?
100. Why don't you just throw up your hands and walk out of the play's situation?
101. What is your super-objective? What is your character trying to do and what do you LOVE about trying to do it?