

The Suburban Mom's Questions for Babysitters

Questions for Babysitters

- *Have you worked as a mother's helper or cared for younger siblings?*
- *Have you completed a babysitting course?*
- *Do you know child or infant CPR and first aid?*
- *What would you do if my child were choking?*
- *What is your comfort level with cooking and preparing meals for kids?*
- *Are you comfortable with bathing the children and bedtime routines? What experience do you have with this?*
- *Are you available on short notice?*
- *What age group do you have experience with?*
- *Have you had to deal with Separation Anxiety and if so how have you dealt with it?*

Prior Experience

- *How many (children/pets/seniors) have you cared for at one time? What were their ages or circumstances?*
- *Are you still working for any of these families?*
- *Describe the most difficult employer you have worked for and why.*
- *If I talked to your previous employers, how would they describe your strengths and weaknesses?*

Caregiver Scenarios

- *Do you ever lose your cool and how do you get through it? Give me an example of a recent situation.*
- *How are you in an emergency? Describe a crisis or emergency you faced and how you handled the situation.*
- *What is the toughest feedback you've ever heard about yourself, and what did you do about it?*

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Personal

- *Do you follow a particular (child care/pet care/tutoring/etc.) philosophy, and discipline method?*
- *What are your hobbies and interests?*
- *Have you ever faced a situation where you felt you had to compromise your integrity or values? Can you describe that to me?*
- *What kinds of things boost your morale, and what are your pet peeves?*

Feedback

- *Does working for my family sound like the kind of job in which you are interested?*
- *What do you expect of me?*
- *What questions do you have for me?*
- *Do you have any concerns about this job?*
- *When are you available to begin?*
- *What do you charge?*