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About you

Your name: Elizabeth Ng Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

What was your most difficult time
in your life?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Leung Kip Yuen Senior's age: 97

Senior's answer to your question:

My most difficult time ~~was~~ in the year 1986.
That year my daughter graduated from
University but cannot find a job due to
recession. Later she moved to Hong Kong
and found a job there.

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About you

Your name: Sophie Lee Your age: 8

Your question for the senior:

what food do you
eat ?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Seef Gim har Senior's age: 73

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to eat chicken nice

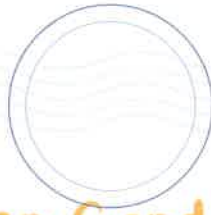
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Your name: Seri Your age: 8

Your question for the senior:

Why living spaces in the ^{past} are quite small?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Oh Chwee Ho Senior's age: 94

Senior's answer to your question:

"Because Singapore is a small country."

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Your name: Sophia Your age: 10

Your question for the senior:

How do you go to school?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: 薛敬先 Senior's age: 76

Senior's answer to your question:

I used to walk to school as my school was about 2 kilometres away from my house.
I would go to school with my friends.

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Your name: Amelia Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

How was your kampong life like?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Alan Kok HockChye Senior's age: 78

Senior's answer to your question:

My kampong life was very good. I would play with the boys without feeling tired. We claimed trees and pluck the fruits from the trees^{to eat.} We played a game called "tind". We also made wooden slingshot and aim for the bird.

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Your name: Emma

Your age: 3

Your question for the senior:

 What is your favourite song?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Toa Greok Suan Senior's age: _____

Senior's answer to your question:

like listening to cantonese songs

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Your name: Ezekiel

Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

What was the most popular game when you were a kid?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Chua Chor Hoon

Senior's age: 85

Senior's answer to your question:

There are few games I had played. They are all very popular when I was a kid. (1) Shuttlecock Kicking (2) Kicking paperball (3) Hide-and-seek. (4) Hopscotch.

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Your name: Michael Your age: 10

Your question for the senior:

How big was your collection of kuli-kuli?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ANG CHIN SENG Senior's age: 76

Senior's answer to your question:

No kuli kuli
Got marbles ..

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Your name: David Chen

Your age: 8½

Your question for the senior:

What type OF food was there in
The old times?

Der

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lee Boon Hock

Senior's age: 74

Senior's answer to your question:

I was poor and do not have money to buy food.
I like to eat porridge.
I also like to eat rumbutam (fruits),
in the village, all this fruits are free, I
can eat as much as I like.

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Your name: Jonathan Your age: 6½

Your question for the senior:

What ~~did~~ you do during
The war? ~~did~~

Jon

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Mr Teo T.T. Senior's age: 66

Senior's answer to your question:

did not experience war

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Your name: Rashida Mazher Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

What things did you
do for entertainment?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Jeffrey Senior's age: 74

Senior's answer to your question:

Just read a lot.

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Your name: Myndee

Your age: 8

Your question for the senior:

What was your hobby last time?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lon Bel chao

Senior's age: 67

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to play skipping

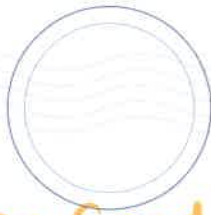
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About you

Your name: zACHARY Your age: 5

Your question for the senior:

what games do you
PLAY? ♡ ♡!

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Jacqueline Jim Senior's age: 71

Senior's answer to your question:

I played nardes and caught
spiders.
I also played five stones and
kuti kuti

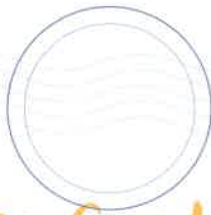
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About you

Your name: Leia Chin Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

How did you get your house? ♥

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ~~Nor Nor~~ Nor Senior's age: 93
~~75~~

Senior's answer to your question:

my house, I bought it for myself for my own money.

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Your name: Lee Jia Ying Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

What do you eat?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Ahma Ang Senior's age: 79

Senior's answer to your question:

I eat Fapioca, sweet potato
leaf from my own garden

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Your name: Tun Kai Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

What do you do in
your free time

>

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Uncle Ong Senior's age: 76

Senior's answer to your question:

I go fishing, swimming

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Your name: Earys Ang Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

- 1) How ~~did~~ you bath?
- 2) When it ~~rained~~ ^{was} raining, did you get wet in the house?
- 3) How does ~~the~~ umbrella look like in the past?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Liaw Meow Lin Senior's age: 73

Senior's answer to your question:

- 1) We have a very big cylinder/Vat which content a lot of water, we used a scoop to ladle out the water for bath.
- 2) It does not get wet in the house when raining because our house is very solid, it's a townhouse.
- 3) In the old days, the umbrella we used are different from the modern day, it's green on the outside and brown inside, 'wax' type.

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Your name: Jacob Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

how did you get
to school?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Ang Kha Ho Senior's age: 80

Senior's answer to your question:

"I was studied in Secondary School,
chinese education. I went to school
by bus everyday."

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Your name: Phua Yu Kai Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

How ~~do~~
do you travel?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lee Song How Senior's age: 58

Senior's answer to your question:

Take bus. ~~to~~

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Your name: Phua Yuze Your age: 6

Your question for the senior:

how do you celebrate
your birthday?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Chua Guat Hian Senior's age: 75 yrs

Senior's answer to your question:

= Going out with family for dinner in
Orchard and see the lights.

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Your name: Olivia Your age: 5

Your question for the senior:

What did you like to eat?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lee Ben Hock Senior's age: 74

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to eat porridge.

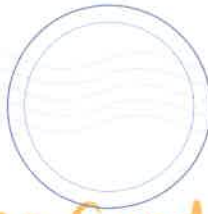
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Your name: Kayley Your age: 5

Your question for the senior:

What toys do you play
when you are young???

♡

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Beng Huat Senior's age: 66

Senior's answer to your question:

When I was younger I had a superman figurine
that I really love. When I was young I wanted
to be superman - doing good for the society.
I wanted to be a hero; to save the world
from all its calamities.

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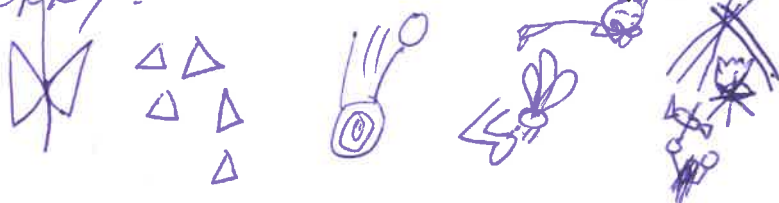
About you

Your name: Kara Ng

Your age: 8

Your question for the senior:

What is your favourite hobby?
game?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ~~Samantha Sim~~

Jan Kim Hoo

Senior's age: 81

Senior's answer to your question:

My favourite game is play marbles
because it fun

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Your name: Lurvin

Your age: 10

Your question for the senior:

How did you visit places when you were younger? What was your favourite thing to eat and why? How did you find out about the daily news? Where did you get water from.

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lim Chwee Han Senior's age: 93

Senior's answer to your question:

I travel myself when I was young

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Your name: Rachel

Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

When you were first introduced to HDB Flats, what was your reaction? Do you prefer HDB Flats or kampong? why?

我喜歡政府HDB因為比叻方便 路邊有燈

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Chong See Leng
~~Chong See Leng~~

Senior's age:

70
~~85~~

Senior's answer to your question:

HDB, modern and clean

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Imap Lana

Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

1. What did you play?
2. What age did you go to school?

我喜欢玩足球

我七岁就上學

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Lee Ah Teng
~~Goh Wang Chay~~

Senior's age:

79
~~82~~

Senior's answer to your question:

1) Outside the house

2) never go

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Your name: Fiona

Your age: 5

Your question for the senior:

What was your
favourite toy?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Chia Yan Peng

Senior's age: 61

Senior's answer to your question:

Playing marbles, flying kite, five stones etc.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Lyssa

Your age: 12

Your question for the senior:

- ① How was it like living with so many people? ② Did you still have your privacy while living with so many people in a tiny house? ③ What were some difficulties back then? ④ Was there a toilet in every house?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Kwan Yue Leong

Senior's age: 79

Senior's answer to your question:

- ① Big family is commend, many people means many pairs of hands (helping hands) ② Yes, female will sleep together inside one room, and male will have their own room too. ③ "Difficulties" does not seem obvious, village life was very fun & warmth. ④ Yes, ^{every house} we have toilet, it is a squat toilet, usually build above ground level.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Emma Grange

Your age: 13

Your question for the senior:

你们会孤独吗? 在战争时期。

Do you feel lonely? during the war?

adakah anda berasa sunyi?

we are
always
here
for u!

😊 = ♥

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Hong Huiying

Senior's age: 70

Senior's answer to your question:

I did not experience the
war but my parents
did.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Kaelyn Ing

Your age: 11

Your question for the senior:

When it's was your child hood, how did
you guys cope with not have any
devices around when you are bored??

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Tan

Senior's age: 89

Senior's answer to your question:

I play harmonica (mouth organ) &
badminton & wooden hockey.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Annabelle Ang Your age: 10

Your question for the senior:

How was your house like?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Beng Huet Senior's age: 66

Senior's answer to your question:

I used to live in 2 company
attap house around Bukit Ho
Suei neighbourhood.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Keshia Tee

Your age: 11

Your question for the senior:

How do you feel about Singapore's new changes and have you adapted to it? Do you miss how Singapore and life was last time?

新加坡现在比以前好

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

~~Goh Wing Chay~~ ^{Mr Ong}

Senior's age:

~~74~~ ⁸²

Senior's answer to your question:

Changed a lot!

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About you

Your name: Natalie ☺ Your age: 21

Your question for the senior:

What are you most grateful for?

現在我個人思想比以前好
有東西學還有百貨公司可以逛

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ^{Pen} ~~Goh Wang Chay~~ ^{Soon How} Senior's age: ⁷⁰ ~~82~~

Senior's answer to your question:

My family

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Alexis Your age: 6

Your question for the senior:

What time do you
Go to school?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Tan Ah Moey Senior's age: 88 y/o

Senior's answer to your question:

I never go to school. My father never
allow me to go to school. Only boys can
go to school.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Low Le Xuan

Your age: 9(nine)

Your question for the senior:

~~How do you feel in the older days?~~

What toys did you play when you were young? Were there toys?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ^{Aggie Leung}
Chen Sui Han

Senior's age: ¹²
73 (seventy-three)

Senior's answer to your question:

Last time i only have two toys
one is teddy bear and baby doll

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Leong Lok Yan Your age: 9(nine)

Your question for the senior:

How do you feel in the olden days? what do you like to eat?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ~~nan nai~~ koh kum, lung Senior's age: ~~75~~ 86

Senior's answer to your question:

Nothing for me to play. No toys or computer for past time.

I like eating chee cheong fan and rice vermicelli.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: LucasTEO

Your age: 11

Your question for the senior:

Which bed
sleep in 1980's?

do you

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Lily

Senior's age: 62

Senior's answer to your question:

bed made of metal with
mattress.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

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Your name: Teo Rui Ling Your age: 9

Your question for the senior:

How inconvenient was
it living in the 1950?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Ling Suet Inn Senior's age: 74

Senior's answer to your question:

"I just was 2 years old."

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Deva N Your age: 7 years old

Your question for the senior:

What games did you use to play when you were 7 years old?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Quek Choon Kim Senior's age: 86

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to play five-stones when I was young.

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Tan S.k



Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Trevor Tan

Your age: 10

Your question for the senior:

What were the places you regularly visited during your free time?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Mary

Senior's age: 70

Senior's answer to your question:

Coffee Shop

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Pen Pal Corner Card

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Your name: Tristen Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

What do you eat
in school?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Sylvia Chan Senior's age: 62

Senior's answer to your question:

noodles ~~or~~ or bread

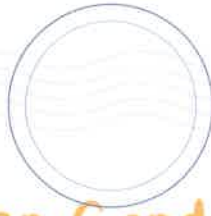
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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: VICTOR Your age: 3

Your question for the senior:

What is a radio for?
Where did you go for a swim?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Edmund Senior's age: 93

Senior's answer to your question:

my favorite swim was at
my nearest place where I
stay at my Kampung.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Annis

Your age: 006

Your question for the senior:

IN THE 1950S WERE THERE AIR-CONDITIONERS
IF NOT, WILL YOU BE VERY HOT?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: ~~S~~ Koh Kum Lung Senior's age: 86

Senior's answer to your question:

No Air-conditioner but I have a table fan, so not hot.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

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Your name: Taylor Chan Your age: 3

Your question for the senior:

What type of games did you play
when you were young?

Stay healthy and happy 😊

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Quek Choon Kim Senior's age: 86

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to play five-stones when I was
young.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Daniel and zoe Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

Zoe: During your childhood, Do you sleep with fan? Is it very hot at night?
Daniel: What snacks do you like to eat?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: SEET GIM HAR Senior's age: 73

Senior's answer to your question:

THERE IS NO FAN. WE GET
USE TO THE HOT WEATHER
BREAD WITH A CUP OF COFFEE
BREAD WITH BUTTER AND
SUGAR

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name:

HANNAH

Your age:

4

Your question for the senior:

WHAT DO YOU EAT?
WHERE DO YOU GET
WATER?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Kuek Sian Hua

Senior's age:

80

Senior's answer to your question:

- Nothing much to eat. Sometimes eat bread in the morning, porridge in the afternoon and rice for dinner. Porridge with soya sauce as a meal.
- Draw water from WELL

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name:

HAN NAH

Your age:

4

Your question for the senior:

WHERE DO YOU
PLAY?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Thomas Ong

Senior's age:

83 years old

Senior's answer to your question:

I usually play in a playground near
my home

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name:

shajia

Your age:

7

Your question for the senior:

How are houses made of?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Angurie

Senior's age:

62

Senior's answer to your question:

Bricks now. Not sure how.

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Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name: Katilyn Wee Your age: 11 :)

Your question for the senior:

What kind of comic did you read?
What was trendy when you were a teen?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Tou Soon Phong Senior's age: 63

Senior's answer to your question:

老夫子

Trumpets pants (a lot of youngster wear them)

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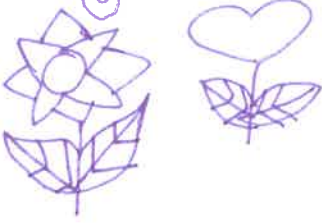
About you

Your name: Clara

Your age: 6

Your question for the senior:

What is your favourite
food?



About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Ann Sophie Senior's age: 80

Senior's answer to your question:

I like to eat fish soup with
vegetable

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Hope you have a sunny day!!



Pen Pal Corner Card

About you

Your name:  Carla Lim Your age: 6

Your question for the senior:

What did you play when you were young? How did you get punished?

寫字上學

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: 吳婉菁 Senior's age: 82

Senior's answer to your question:

我喜歡吃水果

(like to eat fruits)

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About you

Your name: Kaelyn Chow

Your age: 12

Your question for the senior: (Write bigger)

Hi Senior, my question is what type of food did you eat as a kid?

您小时候喜欢吃什么呢?

谢谢!

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: 吴苑菁

Senior's age: 82

Senior's answer to your question:

我 喜欢吃 水果

(I like fruit)

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About you

Your name: Jonas Chow Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

Hi senior. What is your favourite Drink? I like milkshake 

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Mr. Chew Senior's age: 66

Senior's answer to your question:

Hi Jonas! I like milk shake too, but I don't get to drink them too often recently. In the past my favourite drink is whisky, a type of alcoholic drink - when you are older and of legal age you can try. But after suffering a stroke, I am more wary of what I drink. Lately, I like a cup of coffee to kick start my day.

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About you

Your name: Reame Tan Your age: 8

Your question for the senior:

How many ~~friend~~ friends do you have?
what your favourite ~~colour~~
~~colour~~ colour?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: lee Senior's age: 97

Senior's answer to your question:

- ① I have a lot of friends outside.
- ② I like white colour.

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About you

Your name: Jayden Tan Your age: 13

Your question for the senior:

How was your life like when
you were young?
What is your favourite food?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Teo Gek Noi Senior's age: 87

Senior's answer to your question:

My mum dote me very much.
I went marketing with her, help her
with plucking vegetables before ready
to fry, help her to carry stuff for her.
I ^{was} also not allowed to make friends when I
was young. I like to eat fish. I like my mom steamed
fish with garlic.

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About you

Your name:

Nicole

Your age:

five

Your question for the senior:

What kind of
games did you
play?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

Chung Yuet Lian

Senior's age:

74

Senior's answer to your question:

'When I was young I play 5 stone

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About you

Your name:

Alden ong

Your age:

5

Your question for the senior:

What do you
play?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name:

STELLA

Senior's age:

82

Senior's answer to your question:

1) We play toys usually made by siblings and/or mum, eg: Five stones, card game, dolls with home made dresses made from rags.

2)  } Hopscotch

3) Zero point game
made from rubber bands

4) Chapteh ☘

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About you

Your name: Yau Le Jia Your age: 7


Your question for the senior:

When you are very hot what do you use?

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Teo Gek Mei Senior's age: 87

Senior's answer to your question:

Fan myself with a 

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About you

Your name: KAELYN Chow Your age: 7

Your question for the senior:

~~How~~ HOW was Life like in world
war. 2 ?

~~AN~~

About your Senior Pen Pal

Senior's name: Susan Lim Senior's age: 82

Senior's answer to your question:

I was still young. I cannot
remember