

# "GET CURIOUS: MY FAMILY'S STORIES" KIT

Names of Family Members:




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# What is this kit about?

Get curious about your family members' experiences and memories!


This conversation kit is for you and your family members, including grandparents and extended family who may not live together with you. It is designed to help you:

-  Facilitate inter-generational conversations and the sharing of stories;
-  Learn more about your family's identity and heritage; and
-  Connect over shared experiences and new discoveries about each other!



# What is this kit about?

After the session, share some of your family's stories with us and stand a chance to be featured in our upcoming exhibition, *Home, Truly: Growing Up with Singapore, 1950s to the Present*\*! Submit your entries through [this link](#) by 1 June 2020.



\*Presented in collaboration with The Straits Times, *Home, Truly* explores moments and experiences in our history that express who we are as Singaporeans.

It aims to encourage reflection and conversation on what it means to be Singaporean, and includes opportunities for the public to contribute their stories.

*Home, Truly* opens at the National Museum on 24 September 2020.

# What is in this kit?

This kit comprises tools that you can use to initiate a family conversation:

1. A step-by-step preparation guide (pages 5 – 7)
2. Conversation cards with topics, images and suggested questions (page 9 onwards)





# Get ready!

## Before you begin:

1. Take some time to go through this kit.



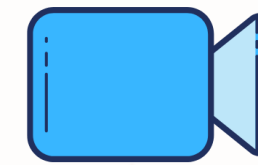
2. Discuss with your family members and decide:

a) **Who** will be the planner and main story collector?

b) **Who** will take part in this conversation?

c) **How** do you plan to conduct this conversation?

- Face to face, or over a phone/video call?



d) **Where** and **when** will you have this conversation?

- Choose a time of the day when everyone can set aside 1 to 2 hours to participate in this activity.
- Find a comfortable spot in the house to sit, and prepare your favourite drinks or snacks – make this experience something to look forward to!

## One Step Further:


For family members living in another household, print the cards out and send them a surprise snail mail package!

## One Step Further:

Plan to collect your family stories, by taking notes or making a voice recording (Zoom has a recording function for this)!

# Let's begin!

## During your conversation:

1. Turn to the Menu on page 9. 
2. The oldest person in the group closes their eyes and points to a topic!
3. Click on the chosen topic, and a conversation card will appear. The top right corner of the card will tell you who should answer the questions.
4. Each topic includes a few cards. Make sure that everyone has a chance to share!
5. When you're done with all the cards, click to return to the Menu. If you're having fun, why not pick another topic?

**Card 1:**  
**Parents and Grandparents**

**Card 3:**  
**Children**



# Let's begin!

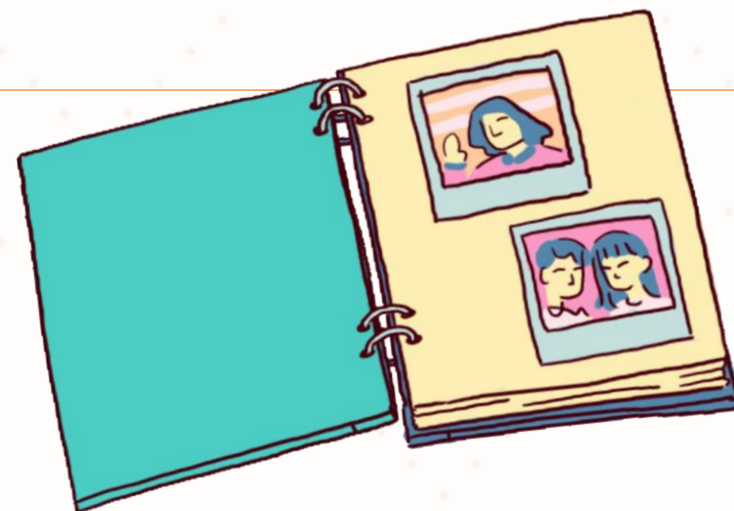
## After your conversation:

Think about what new things you have learnt about each other.

Which was your favourite story?

### One Step Further:

Make a scrapbook of your family stories for safekeeping, together with any photographs you can find.



### One Step Further:

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**READY, GET SET, GO!**



# Choose a topic to talk about!



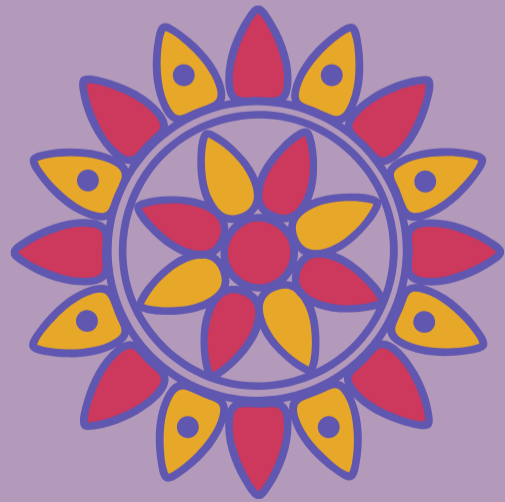
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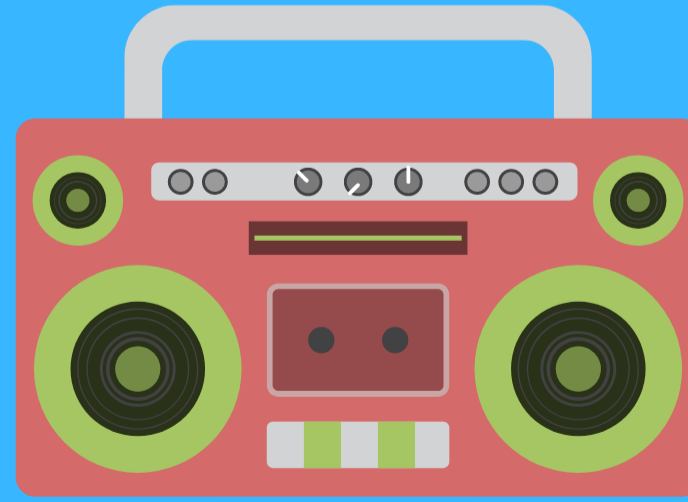
Food



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Festivals



Popular Culture



Floods & Fires

# SCHOOL

## Card 1: Parents and Grandparents



Singapore Youth Festival performance in 1979.



Sports Day at Geylang Methodist Girls' School in 1956.



Nan Hua Primary School trophy from a uniformed race in 2002.  
Picture from Alicia Chew

1. What clubs or activities did you take part in while you were a student?
2. What were they like, and what did you enjoy about them?
3. Can you name some of the songs you sang in school, and try to sing them?



# SCHOOL

## Card 2: Children



Singapore Youth Festival performance in 1979.



Sports Day at Geylang Methodist Girls' School in 1956.



Nan Hua Primary School trophy from a uniformed race in 2002.  
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1. What are your CCA sessions like?
2. What do you like or dislike about your CCA?
3. What other activities have you participated in?
4. Can you sing a song that you learnt in primary school?



# SCHOOL

## Card 3: Parents and Grandparents



Students at the National Library in Stamford Road in 1973.



River Valley English School students checking their examination results in 1967.



Maha Bodhi Primary School classroom writing desk, c1950s–1960s, 2012-00490  
Collection of the National Museum of Singapore, National Heritage Board



Chinese High School report book, 1950s, 2001-00260  
Collection of the National Museum of Singapore, National Heritage Board

1. Which lessons did you like or dislike, and why?
2. What were your teachers like?
3. What did your school and classroom look like?
4. What was a typical school day like?
5. What kind of homework were you given?

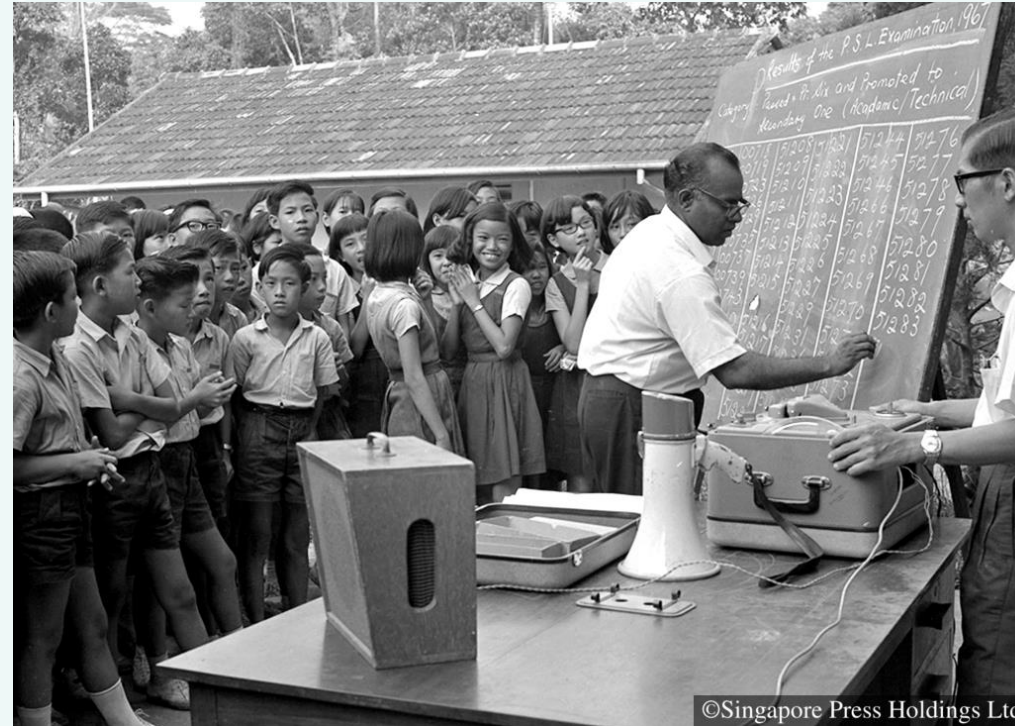


# SCHOOL

## Card 4: Children



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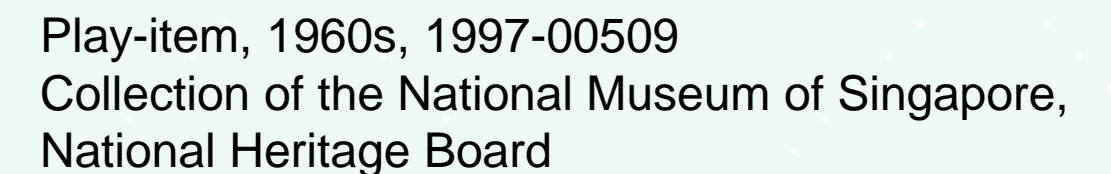
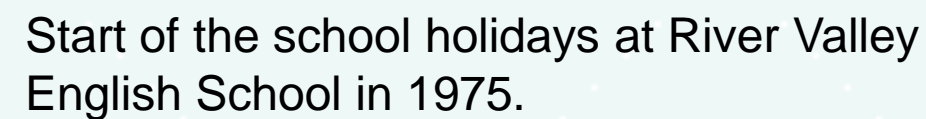


Chinese High School report book, 1950s, 2001-00260  
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1. What is/are your favourite lesson(s), and why?
2. Do you have any favourite teacher(s)? What are they like?
3. What are some interesting things that you have learnt recently?
4. What is a typical school day like, and what do you love most about school?



## Card 5: Everyone



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# SCHOOL

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# FOOD

## Card 1: Everyone



Eating together on Hari Raya Puasa, 1961.



Glutton's Square at Orchard Road, which was popular in the 1970s.



A family enjoying *satay* at a portable stall in 1955.

1. What is your favourite food?
2. Where was/is your favourite place to eat?
3. If you could eat one hawker dish every day for a week, what would it be?



# FOOD

## Card 2: Parents and Grandparents



Eating together on Hari Raya Puasa, 1961.



Glutton's Square at Orchard Road, which was popular in the 1970s.



A family enjoying *satay* at a portable stall in 1955.

1. Where was/were your favourite place(s) to eat out in the past?
2. Is/are this/these place(s) still around?
3. Can you share some fond memories of eating with your family or friends at this/these place(s)? Describe some of the sounds and smells of this/these place(s).
4. What are some differences between hawker stalls now and then?



# FOOD

## Card 3: Everyone



Making love letters for Chinese New Year.



A family weaving *ketupat* casings using coconut leaves.



A mother making dumplings with her son at her hawker stall.  
National Heritage Board, 2019

1. Who is the best cook in the family?
2. What is/are your favourite dish(es) made by them?
3. Have you tried cooking or making dishes with your family or friends before? What was it like?
4. What is one dish you would like to try making with your family?

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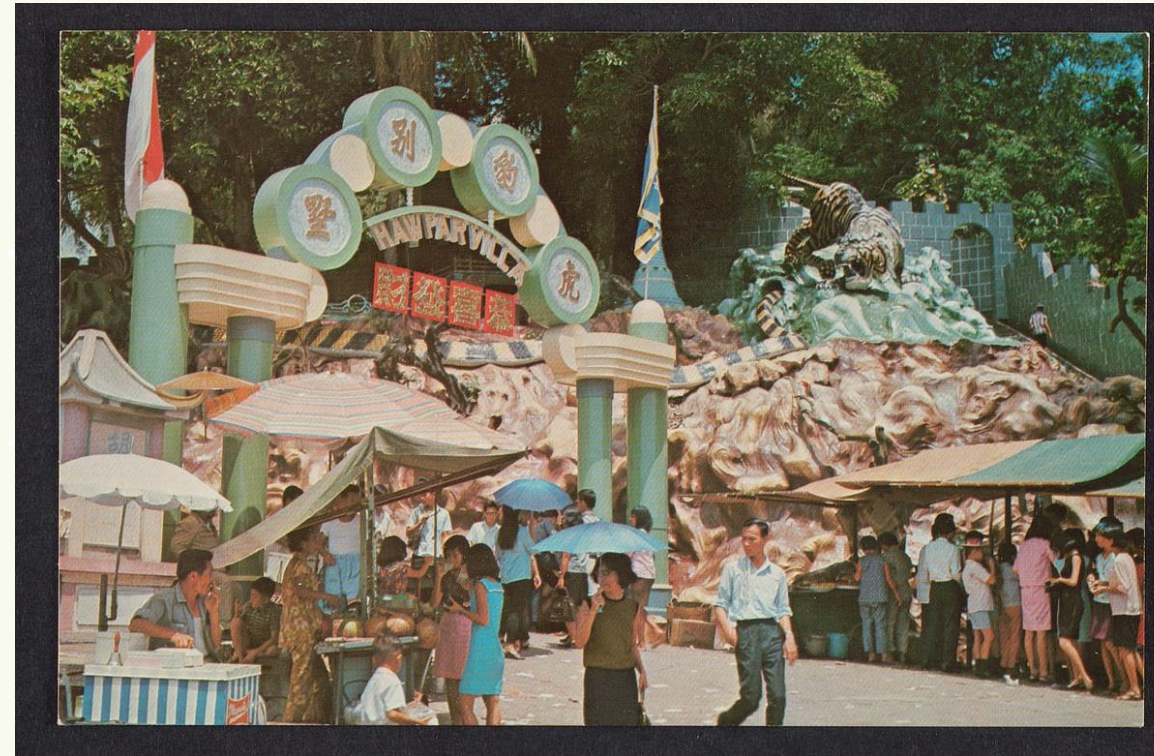


# RECREATION

## Card 1: Everyone



Great World Amusement Park in 1967.



The entrance of Haw Par Villa, 1970s–1980s, 1994-05601  
Collection of the National Museum of Singapore, National  
Heritage Board



The Prudential Marina Bay Carnival in 2017.

1. Have you been to a theme park before? What was your experience like?
2. What was/is your favourite ride/activity in the theme park?
3. How was/is the theme park you have visited similar/different from the theme park that other family members have visited?
4. Did/do you have to pay to enter the theme park or take the rides?



# RECREATION

## Card 2: Parents and Grandparents



Great World Amusement Park in 1967.



The entrance of Haw Par Villa, 1970s–1980s, 1994-05601  
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The Prudential Marina Bay Carnival in 2017.

1. Where did you enjoy going to for fun and leisure?
2. Who did you usually go with, and what did you do there?
3. Is/are this/these place(s) still around today?



# RECREATION

## Card 3: Everyone



A recreated "drive-in cinema" experience at the National Museum's Voices of Singapore gallery.



The National Theatre, mid-late 1960s, 2008-04219  
Collection of the National Museum of Singapore, National Heritage Board  
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1. What are some of your favourite movies, and can you share more about them?
2. What are some memorable performances or concerts you have attended?
3. Have you performed in front of a crowd before? Where was this performance held, and what was your role in this performance?



# RECREATION

## Card 4: Parents and Grandparents



A recreated "drive-in cinema" experience at the National Museum's Voices of Singapore gallery.



The National Theatre, mid-late 1960s, 2008-04219  
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1. What were cinemas, theatres, and concert halls like in the past? Are they similar to what we have today? If not, how are they different?
2. How often did you visit cinemas, theatres or concert halls?
3. Are these places still around today?
4. What shows did you watch at these places?
5. How much did a movie/show/performance ticket cost in the past?



# RECREATION

## Card 5: Everyone



An outing at the Botanic Gardens.



Van Kleeef Aquarium.



The Singapore Zoo.  
Picture from Jeremy Ho

1. Have you been to an aquarium, zoo or park?
2. Who did you visit this/these place(s) with?
3. Where was it, and what was it like?
4. What did you enjoy about this/these place(s)?



# RECREATION

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# FESTIVALS

## Card 1: Everyone



Shopping for mooncakes in Chinatown in 1974.



A family making pineapple tarts in 1969.



Celebrating Hari Raya with friends in 1977.

1. What is your favourite cultural festival in Singapore?
2. Why is this your favourite festival?
3. What are your favourite festive food or snacks?
4. Have you participated in a different cultural group's festivals and celebrations? Can you describe the experience?



# FESTIVALS

## Card 2: Parents and Grandparents



Shopping for mooncakes in Chinatown in 1974.



A family making pineapple tarts in 1969.



Celebrating Hari Raya with friends in 1977.

1. What were your favourite festive snacks as a child?
2. Have you made any snacks with your family before?
3. How did you and your family prepare to celebrate a festival in the past? How is it different today?



# FESTIVALS

## Card 3: Everyone



A family all dressed up for Deepavali celebrations in 1962.



A Chinese New Year outing in 1957.



A family celebrating Hari Raya Puasa in 2013.

1. What do you look forward to the most during these cultural festivals and celebrations?
2. What do you enjoy about these festivals?
3. Where do you usually go?



# FESTIVALS

## Card 4: Parents and Grandparents



A family all dressed up for Deepavali celebrations in 1962.



A Chinese New Year outing in 1957.



A family celebrating Hari Raya Puasa in 2013.

1. As a child, did you look forward to these festivals?
2. What did you enjoy about them?
3. How did you and your family get new clothes to prepare for the festivities in the past? How did you feel when you put on your new clothes?

# FESTIVALS

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# POPULAR CULTURE

## Card 1: Everyone



Setron Deluxe Model Television Set, 1970s, 2016-00289  
Collection of the National Museum of Singapore, National Heritage Board

1. What was/is your favourite TV show?
2. What is it about, and why did/do you like it?
3. What are some local TV programmes you have watched?
4. Can you sing a theme song from one of the local TV shows?



Crowd preparing to watch the first television broadcast in Singapore in 1963.



# POPULAR CULTURE

## Card 2: Parents and Grandparents



Setron Deluxe Model Television Set, 1970s, 2016-00289  
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1. When was the first time you watched a show on television?
2. Did your family own a black-and-white TV?
3. What was watching television like in the past? Can you share more about your experience?
4. What are some TV shows you have watched?



Crowd preparing to watch the first television broadcast in Singapore in 1963.



# POPULAR CULTURE

## Card 3: Everyone



English vinyl record of "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" by Lisa Lim and live band The Stylers, AEP-1091, c. 1960s, 2008-02721  
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Rediffusion set (b), 2016-00342  
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1. Can you name some local singers and their songs?
2. What are your favourite songs that are sung by these local singers?



Young Songwriters Society poster, 1988, 2016-00285  
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Rediffusion set (b), 2016-00342  
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1. Who were the popular local or non-local singers of your time?
2. What device did you use to listen to music in the past? Can you share what the experience was like?
3. What else did you listen to besides music?



Young Songwriters Society poster, 1988, 2016-00285  
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# FLOODS & FIRES

## Card 1: Everyone



A flooded barber shop in 1957.



A farmer saving his livestock during a flood in 1978.



Piggybacking through the flood in Orchard in 2010.

1. Have you ever been caught in a flood or witnessed a flood? What was it like, and how did you feel about it?
2. If you have never experienced a flood, have you heard any stories about floods?
3. What caused/causes floods, and what do you think we can do if a flood happens?



# FLOODS & FIRES

## Card 2: Parents and Grandparents



A village on fire on New Year's Day in 1976.

1. Have you ever experienced a fire? Can you describe what happened?
2. If not, have you heard about one? What happened, and how did everyone feel?
3. What usually caused the fires?

# FLOODS & FIRES

## Card 3: Children



A village on fire on New Year's Day in 1976.

1. How can we prevent fire outbreaks in our house?
2. If a fire broke out at home, what would you do? What are three items you would save?



# FLOODS & FIRES

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