

What to say when

Answers

1. These are general topics of conversation. They are not considered controversial or offensive. It is unlikely that asking questions about these topics would upset or embarrass anyone.
2. These topics are considered private in Indonesia. Some of them might even be regarded as offensive or controversial. Asking about these issues could be seen as being disrespectful.

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✓ Siapa nama Anda?

Siapa nama Bapak / Ibu?

✓ Siapa namamu?

✓ Kamu dari mana?

Apakah Bapak dari Jakarta?

✓ Apakah Ibu suka Jakarta?

Apakah Ibu suka Jakarta?

✓ Berapa umurmu?

Berapa umur Bapak / Ibu?

✓ Kamu tinggal di mana?

Bapak tinggal di mana?

Apakah Bapak merasa panas?

Apakah Bapak merasa dingin?

✓ Kamu sudah pergi ke Monas, belum?

Apakah Ibu sudah ke Monas?

✓ Bagaimana Jakarta?

Apakah Pak?

Apakah kamu butuh botol air?

Apakah Bapak membutuhkan topi?

- a) I chose these questions because they use the polite forms of 'you' (*Anda*, *Bapak* and *Ibu*) so I would be showing my respect for the Indonesian adult. The topics in these questions are appropriate. They are not offensive, controversial or too private.
- b) I chose these questions because the topics are appropriate ones to ask about if I wanted to get to know another teenager. Some of them are what I think an Indonesian teenager might be interested in talking about. The questions are not offensive, controversial or too private. I also chose these questions because most of them use *kamu* which is the informal pronoun for 'you' even though the use of *Anda* is also possible.