



# Sample interview questions

The following questions may serve as a guide to anyone who wishes to interview a loved one who was born in Cyprus between 1920 and 1940 for Tales of Cyprus.

1. What is your name and date of birth?
2. What was the name of your village or town?
3. Describe what life was like for you when you were only a young child and growing up in Cyprus.
4. What did your parent's do exactly? Please explain?
5. What do you remember about village life back then? How did people live?
6. Tell me about your brothers or sisters? (Include names)
7. Tell me about your grandparents? Did you know them? What were they like? What do you remember?
8. Tell me about your schooling. What do you remember about your school, your school friends or your teacher?
9. How did you spend your time after school? What did you do to pass the time? Describe any games you played? What did people do in your village to amuse themselves? What did they do for entertainment?
10. What do you miss about the old days?
11. What was bad (or difficult) about living in Cyprus when you were young? What were the **worst** things you can remember?
12. How did you meet your husband / wife?
13. How did you make a living? What work did you do and why?
14. What made you leave Cyprus to travel abroad?  
What was the journey like?
15. Tell me about your first impressions of the new country?  
Likes and dislikes?
16. Explain the first few years?

## IMPORTANT:

If possible, prompt the person you are interviewing to try and remember something funny, or very interesting to say about their life. Readers of Tales of Cyprus enjoy a good drama or adventure story too.