

Communication Skills

- Q1) Mammy was 65 years old when she spoke to the writer
- Q2) Mammy has 18 children
- Q3) Mammy has 48 grandchildren
- Q4) Mammy has 6 boys
- Q5) Susie is the youngest child
- Q6) Owen, the biggest, registering a whopping 13 pounds on the scales.
- Q7) Mammy lives in Waterford, Ireland
- Q8) Meals were cooked in a pot "big enough to bath a baby in"
- Q9) The Twelve girls shared a room, and the boys shared another i.e 2 rooms.
- Q10) The smallest kid slept in the chest of drawers which has only recently been sold. Otherwise you had to find your own spot somewhere between the bed and the chest
- Q11) The father was a block layer (a builder) by profession
- Q12) They truly believe that they were blessed; that they did not want for anything. Yet they tell stories that fellow countrymen have written books about, lamenting the conditions in which they grew up.
- Q13) The father made his so-called 'chicken soup' with rabbit meat
- Q14) As a baby Susie loved to suck on cooked pig tails
- Q15) When building work was scarce, there wasn't enough money for electricity, that is why they would sometimes tell horror stories in the dark
- Q16) After telling ghost stories, They would fight about who would sleep in the middle, as this was the warmest place to be.
- Q17) The only thing the children say they missed while growing up was being Mammy or Daddy's "pet."
- Q18) Often the children missed out on school trips as there was not enough money to pay for the outing
- Q19) Carole encouraged her teacher to talk to Mammy because she was once so keen to go on a trip.

Q20) Mammy told the teacher that Carole would not be able to attend the school trip as she was ill.

Q21) Carole was sent to a convent because she got pregnant outside of Wedlock

Q22) Susie's fiancé died at sea, this was the tragedy that affected Susie's life

1) Gourmet Horror – specialty food typically requiring elaborate and expert preparation

he cafe serves an assortment of gourmet treats.

2) Goodies – Something attractive or desirable like rewards or objects, especially something to eat

We bought lots of goodies for the picnic.

3) Reminisce – Remembering past events with happiness

I used to reminisce about my school days.

4) Self Indulgence – Allowing yourself to do anything you enjoy.

Going to the movies in the afternoon is one of my big self-indulgences.

5) Stoke – To add fuel to a large fire

a) Once the fire began to stoke up, it started getting warm.

6) Revel – To dance, sing and enjoy yourself with others in a noisy way

In just a few days, thousands of people will go downtown to revel in the city's New Year's Eve celebration.

7) Want for – to lack something you need

Mammy and her family didn't have much, but they never wanted for anything.

8) Whopping – something bigger than the usual size suprising everyone

My nose is pretty big, but my Dad's hot a whopper.