

## Hiring a Babysitter: Reference Check

A good conversation can make a great impression, but you should never hire a babysitter without checking his or her references. It is important to speak to former employers or others who have seen your potential babysitter work with children. Below is a list of questions to help you get started.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\* How long have you known [name]? Is he/she currently working for you? \_\_\_\_\_

\* How did you come to hire [name]? \_\_\_\_\_

\* How many children was he/she responsible for? What age(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\* What were [name]'s main responsibilities? Did he/she fulfill those responsibilities?

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\* How did your children feel about [name]? \_\_\_\_\_

\* What sort of activities did he/she do with the children?

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\* Did [name] face situations where the children broke rules or misbehaved? How were these situations handled?

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\* Did he/she have to handle any emergencies? Please explain.

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\* Would you hire [name] again? Why or why not?

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