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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