

Preparing for and Managing Intrusive Questions

Please fill in the box next to the best answer. (Fill in only one box per question)

1. In answering other people's questions about a child's background and history, the parent who is fostering or adopting may want to keep in mind: (Choose one)
 - Sharing everything is the best policy.
 - Parents should educate strangers who ask probing questions.
 - Family members and close friends' curiosity about a child's story is okay because they need and have a right to know.
 - The child's story is private and belongs to them.
2. Which of the following is a way to help the child feel comfortable and included in the home? (Choose one)
 - Discuss with the child what words they feel comfortable using to describe their relationship with you.
 - Tell the child they must call you Mom and/or Dad.
 - Just wait and see what the child eventually comes up with to introduce you to others.
 - Remember to introduce the child as "my adopted child" or "my foster child".
3. All of the following are reasons that labels should be avoided when describing a child, **EXCEPT**: (Choose one)
 - Labels don't take into account the many different parts of a person.
 - Labels may sound blaming.
 - Labels are easy to remember so they are useful.
 - Labels don't consider each person and situation as unique.

4. Where might a child be asked intrusive questions? (Choose one)
- School.
 - At a family party.
 - In the grocery store by a stranger.
 - All of the above.
5. All of the following may be useful responses to practice with a child in case they are asked intrusive questions, **EXCEPT**: (Choose one)
- Be polite and answer the question.
 - Walk away.
 - Share something if you feel comfortable.
 - Say, "It's private".