

Questions about Independence

1. **At what age do people normally gain their Independence in your country?**

Honestly, it depends. If they have a permanent, full time job that allows **them to live on their own** and pay the bills, most people will take the opportunity to get their independence. However, there are some people who prefer to stay with their parents **for a little bit** longer **so as to** save some money.

2. **What do you think it takes to be financially independent?**

To be financially independent, you need to have a permanent job. It is extremely difficult to face financial challenges, like buying a house or a new car or even asking for a loan if you don't have a job that **backs you up**.

3. **Is it possible for a young person to be independent while still living with their parents?**

It is possible, since that person could be working to save money and have a financial stability in the future. As long as they don't depend on their parents and they could **support themselves** in case they needed it, in consider them to be independent.

4. **Did your parents encourage you to be independent?**

They did this by giving me responsibilities. If there was a task that was mine and only mine, I had to complete it in order to learn from it for the future.

5. **How old are people in your country when they get their first job?**

It used to be different a few years ago, but now, people get their first job as soon as they can or when they turn 18. It is important to mention that these types of jobs are often **very badly paid** and not very **enriching** for the people who do them.

6. **Some people say independence is a sign of maturity. What do you think?**

I agree, because if you are immature, your possibilities of managing to do things on your own are lower than someone's who is mature.

7. **How can we teach children about independence?**

8. **Youth employment is high nowadays and prevents young people from becoming independent. What can be done about this?**

9. **Do you believe people should get married before they move in with their partner?**

10. **How have family values in your country developed in the last 50 years?**