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- November 27 is National Day of Listening—and it's devoted, of course, to talking. It's organized by **StoryCorps**, a nonprofit that documents the lives of everyday Americans and has a simple goal: to help you record the tales of loved ones. StoryCorps offers an online question generator to get conversations started,



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Sam Harmon, 75, left, is interviewed by grandson Ezra Awumey, 12, right. Daughter Vivian Awumey, 48, listens.

with topics ranging from the specific (happiest moments) to the general (child rearing). Find tips for home sessions at [storycorps.org/national-day-of-listening](http://storycorps.org/national-day-of-listening). Then, the day after Thanksgiving, settle in

for about an hour, ask questions close to your heart, and record away. Studio sessions (pictured above) in select cities are offered other days; info is available on the StoryCorps website. —Laura Kiniry