

## 25 Random Things About Me Assignment

*As a way to get to know you a bit better, I'm asking you to tell me 25 random things about yourself. Fair is fair, so I've included 25 random things about myself for those who are interested.*

1. My nickname growing up was Grace. Sadly this was NOT because of my coordination and grace. I was the kid who would be running across the soccer field with no one near her, no ball and somehow manage to fall and get hurt. Unfortunately for her, my poor daughter has inherited the same clumsy gene.
2. I'm a homebody and have been my whole life. I'd much rather stay in on a Friday night with a pizza, some good tv, and my husband/kids or friends than go out. This carries over into travel – while I love to see new places, I don't like being away from home for more than 2 weeks at a time. With that said, studying abroad in college was one of the best experiences I've had.
3. Speaking of pizza, I LOVE pizza. That love has been tainted somewhat by discovering that gluten is not my friend - really good gluten-free pizza is really hard to come by!
4. My favorite time of day is when I get to hang out, cuddle and read stories with my kids at bedtime. I'm holding onto that time in part because they're at an age where I wonder how much longer they'll want to cuddle.
5. I am a dog person – I grew up with dogs and we now have an insane, lovable 1 year-old Black Lab named Bailey and a sweetheart of a 6 year-old Golden Retriever named Molly who my kids and I adore. The jury's still out on when my husband will come around on the dogs - sadly, he's not a dog person like my kids and I are.
6. I met my husband, Andrew, when I started working at L-S. He was a history teacher here as well. I've since driven him to our rivals (he's now the principal at Acton-Boxborough Junior High.)
7. I grew up as a meat, potatoes and pasta kind of girl - it's the Irish-Italian heritage in me. It's taken a lot of work to learn to fit green vegetables into my diet. With that said, I cannot get on the kale bandwagon despite my best effort to like it.
8. I drink conservatively a gallon of water each day. I may be the only person I know who would be ok with a bread and water diet.
9. I blame my father for my need to make sure that all of the cans and boxes in the pantry and fridge face in the same direction - label out. He was a grocery store man.
10. I once fell asleep at Blue Man Group. In the 3rd row. I also fell asleep at the symphony while Yo-Yo Ma was performing (and it was maybe the 2nd time I'd met my soon to be in-laws.) I blame my parents for that one - they used to put on classical music and pump up the heat on our car trips to NH and I now equate classical music with sleep.
11. When we first got together, my husband, Andrew, used to go through my closet changing the direction of the hangers and rearranging my clothes just to see how long I could hold out before fixing it – I never made it very long. I also arrange my clothes by color and style of clothing. Yes, I'm a bit OCD.

12. I'm definitely a morning person. I chalk it up to years of early morning crew practices. I still like to get up early, workout, shower and get ready for the day before most people are even consider waking up.
13. I rarely swear and I have never smoked or experimented with any drugs. Blame it on my first-born status. That and growing up, I was eternally scared of my mom's wrath. The Irish temper is no joke. I will admit, at 41, I still am.
14. I'm a people person. I get bored when I'm alone and am usually ready to come back to school by the beginning of August simply because I need more people around me on a daily basis.
15. I love going to the movie theater to see movies. I know it's a bit of a dying art but there's just something about being in the dark theater, popcorn and Milk Duds in hand to see a film that just make me happy.
16. I worked at Star Market as a cashier for 6 years. I like to blame that job for the fact that I am somewhat neurotic about always making sure my money is facing the same way in my wallet.
17. I love that my kids all inherited my enormous feet and long eyelashes.
18. I've never understood people who think ice cream should only be eaten in the summer. Ice cream cannot be relegated to one season of the year - it is an all year affair.
19. If I had to choose another profession, I'd either be a wedding planner or a social worker.
20. I love to cook and have dreams of quitting my job and going to cooking school full time. In the meantime, I cook a lot and in particular when I'm stressed.
21. I love television (probably more than I should admit.) I'm hooked on The Handmaid's Tale, Victoria, New Girl, The Crown, Grace & Frankie, Jane the Virgin, and This is Us.
22. If you asked me years ago if the girl with a fear of needles would ever go to an acupuncturist, I'd have said no way but I now have a weekly love affair with my acupuncturist. She is a god, a healer and a therapist all rolled into one.
23. Two of my biggest pet peeves are when people chew with their mouths open or who sniffle because they need a tissue but refuse to get one. Ick.
24. I was the tallest girl in my class in elementary school. Eric Gianci and I were always the last in line, rear center of every class picture, etc. I can still remember when I stopped growing taller – 7th grade, sadly. I always aspired to be 5'10". Unfortunately, 5'8" will have to do.
25. I hate/loath/fear public speaking (and yes, I realize that my chosen profession doesn't make much sense in light of that fear.) One of my worst nightmares involves having to speak in front of an auditorium full of people. You will never see me host an assembly or perform in the Faculty & Staff Variety Show. I also have a really hard time making small talk with people I don't know. I am terrible at it.

**Now it's your turn!**