



PARENTING

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What do you think is the most important thing to remember about parenting?

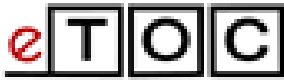
I think the most important thing is.....

2. Do you think parenting is easy?

Yes it is... / No, it isn't...

3. Why do things go wrong with some parents?

Because....



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4. Do you think you'd be / you are a good parent?

Yes, I think... / No, I don't think....

5. What makes a good parent?

I think.....makes a good parent....

Extended Questions

1) How long does parenting last?

Parenting lasts....

2) Are parenting skills different for women and men?

Yes... / No....

3) What did you learn from your parents about parenting?

I learned that....

4) Did your parents excel in parenting skills?

Yes, they did... / No, they didn't....

5) Would you buy a parenting book and video?

Yes, I would.. No, I wouldn't...

VOCABULARIES

1. **Parenting** / 'peər-ən-tɪŋ/
 (verb) Provide for and care for during childhood
Ex.: Teachers should have parenting skills.

2. **Motherhood** / 'mʌð-ər-hʊd/
 (noun) the state of being a mother
Ex.: Motherhood is fulfilling and a pride.

3. **Fatherhood** / 'fɑːðə-hʊd/
 (noun) the state of being a father
Ex.: Fatherhood is a lifelong responsibility.

4. **Biological** / ,baɪ-ə'lɒdʒɪ-kəl/
 (adjective) related through birth
Ex.: His biological parents were not known.

5. **Single-parent** / ,sɪŋ.gəl 'per.ənt/
 (noun) someone who has a child or children but no husband, wife, or partner who lives with them
Ex.: She enjoys being a single-parent.

6. **Surrogacy** / 'sɜː.ə.gə.si/
 (noun) the action of a woman having a baby for another woman who is unable to do so herself
Ex.: Some rich couples who cannot have children choose surrogacy.

7. **Illegitimate** / ,ɪl.ɪ'dʒɪt.ə.mət/
 (adjective) born of parents not married to each other
Ex.: We are illegitimate children.

Useful Expressions

1. at your mother's knee - said about something that you learned when you were a child.

Ex.: She learned to sing at her mother's knee.

2. expectant mother - a pregnant woman.

Ex.: There are many good tips for expectant mothers in this little book.

3. experience is the mother of wisdom - this idiom is used to mean that people learn from what happens to them.

Ex.: You will never understand the love parents have for their children until you get your own children. Experience is the mother of wisdom.

4. face (that) only a mother could love - a very ugly face.

Ex.: Look at that poor girl. That's a face that only a mother could love.

5. the mother of all - an extreme example which is the biggest, most impressive, or most important of its kind.

Ex. Failure is the mother of all success.