

Conversation Class

Level: A2+

Topic: *Parenting*

1. Warm Up: Parenting Vs. Parenthood

Question: What’s the difference between **parenting** and **parenthood**?

Parenting involves the techniques, methods, and skills you use in raising your child. That is, learning how to bath, feed, and soothe your; providing direction and family values once your child is older; teaching discipline and responsibility. [**Spanish:**



Parenthood is the state of being a parent. It involves the role you are taking, as a mother or father. The concept focuses on relationships with your partner, family and friends, colleagues, the community, and -most importantly- yourself. [**Spanish:** *paternidad*]

2. Speaking Activity # 1: Family Planning

Note! This speaking activity includes two question sets: A & B, depending on whether you are a parent or not yet.



A: For parent students...	B: For parent-to-be students...
How many children do you have?	Are you interested in having children?
How old are your children?	Would you like to have a boy or a girl (first)?
When did you become a parent? At what age?	At what age do you plan to have your children?
When was your second child born (if applicable)?	How many children would you like to have?
Did you plan your child birth? If so, how?	Do you intend to plan parenting carefully?
Were you ready to become a parent?	What goals would you like to meet before parenting?
How did your children change your life?	What if you become a parent unexpectedly?

3. Speaking Activity # 2: Giving Opinion

- In your opinion, is there an ideal age range to become a parent?
- Can a mother/father be fully ready for the first child?
- What do you think of parenting in the 50s or 60s?
- Are you in favor of single motherhood (when self-determined)?
- What do you think of *surrogacy* (carrying and giving birth to a baby for a person who is not able to have children)?
- Are you in favor of abortions? If so, until what pregnancy stage?
- Generally speaking, what aspect should not be missing when raising a child?



4. Speaking Activity # 3: Own experience as a Child

- How old were your parents when you were born?
- Are you an only child?
- What special memories do you have about the way your parents raised you (and your siblings, if applicable)?
- Did you teach any of your parents' family values to your own children? If so, which ones?
- What is the role of grandparents in the family?
- Why do you think grandparents are sometimes more permissive to their grandchildren than to their own children? Tell us about it!

