**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.

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| **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 were 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 granchidren than to their own children? Tel us about i!