
Desire for Parenthood

**Do I want to give a child the love he/she needs?
Is loving easy for me?**

- a) You betcha! So much love in my world.
- b) Not really, I will always put myself first.

**Would I be willing to cut back my social life and
spend more time at home? Would I miss my free
time and privacy?**

- a) Yes, having a child will provide my social life with new experiences, I'm ready.
- b) It will be hard to give up my life now, I'm satisfied without a baby.

**Am I ready to give up a great part of my life - 18
years at least - to being responsible for a child?
And spend a large portion of my life worrying
about my child's well-being?**

- a) Yes it will be 18 years of the best time of my life.
- b) 18 years seems like a long time, I don't know if I'm ready for such a commitment.



Emotional Maturity

**Do I like children? When I'm with children am I
truly prepared to have one around 24/7?**

- a) I love kids! Never get tired of them.
- b) Children exhaust me, really can't stand them.

**Have I discussed parenthood with my partner?
Are we on the same page?**

- a) Yes, the room is already decorated!
- b) Unsure, not clear on what we both want or haven't agreed yet.

**Would I be ready to give up the freedom of my
life now?**

- a) Absolutely! I will always put my child before me.
- b) Not really, partying is kind of my style.



ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A PARENT?

take this short questionnaire!



Health

How would I take care of my child's safety? How do I take care of my own?

- a) Don't Worry! I have it all figured out, things are ready and great.
- b) I am not sure, I'm not familiar with safety period.

Could we give a child a good home? Is our relationship strong enough?

- a) Yes, its like we are constantly on a honeymoon!
- b) Unsure, not clear on how to get there yet.

Would I want my child to be "like me"?

- a) Absolutely! I am a fantastic role model.
- b) Not really, I have some bad habits and morals.



Management Skills

Does my partner want to have a child? have we talked about our reasons?

- a) For sure! We are both on the same page.
- b) Children have not come up in conversation, maybe in the future.

What would happen if we separated after having a child? Or if one of us died?

- a) We have thought and mapped out what these kind of situation would look like.
- b) Unsure, we are unsure about the whole idea in general.

Suppose one of us wants a child and the other doesn't - Who decides?

- a) We have made it clear our relationship comes first, we wont move on until both of us are ready.
- b) I think its all the mom, she has to carry the thing.

Financial

Can I afford to support my child? Do I know how much it takes to raise a child?

- a) Yes, made sure we were financially stable first.
- b) Not really, trying to keep my own roof over my head.

Do I want to raise a child in the neighbourhood where I live now? Would I be able and willing to move if not?

- a) Yes, I have the ability to move if need, but we love the area!
- b) Not quite, our house and neighbourhood is not ideal but will have to do.

Could I handle a job and a child at the same time? Would I have time and energy for both?

- a) Absolutely! I will always put in the effort. I am prepared for all of it.
- b) Not really, I love



Results

Mostly A's : You are more than ready!

Mostly B's : Take some time to truly find out what you want in life.

Mixed A's and B's : Consider talking with your partner and think of all possibilities