

Discussion questions about parents, teens, and their relationship.

1. Are your parents **"good"** parents? Why / why not?
2. Are you a **"good"** teenaged child for your parents? Why / why not?
3. What do you wish your parents **allowed** you to do?
4. What are some ways that parents **spoil** (= 甘やかす) their teens?
5. Are there any **foods** that you **should not let** your children eat?
6. If you were a parent, would you **prefer** to have a **daughter** or a **son**?
7. Should parents **help** their teens with their **homework**?

Here is some advice from parents to teens.
Do you agree or disagree?
Please explain your feelings.

1. Don't rush to grow up. Enjoy your youth.
2. Don't try to plan your entire life right now.
3. Friends will **come and go**. Don't worry about losing friends, because you will make new ones.
4. It is okay to say "no" to your parents.
5. You're not the only one who's **anxious** about their future.
6. **Seek help from others** when your life gets too difficult.
(= 他人に助けを求める)
7. Stay **open minded** to the views and opinions of others.

1. Should parents force their **values** (= 価値観) and beliefs on their teenagers?
2. Is it better for teens to be raised by both parents, or is a **single-parent household** (= 一人親世帯) just as effective?
3. How has technology impacted (= 影響する) parenting in recent years?
4. Should parents **spank** (= 体罰) their children as a form of discipline?
5. Should parents be held **legally responsible** for their teenager's actions?
(= 子供が犯罪を犯したら、その法的責任を親に取らせる)

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8. Your own views and opinions will change as you get older.
9. Always trust your **gut-instincts**. (= 本能を信じる)
10. Don't **chase after** money. (= お金ばかり追求する)
11. If you always compare yourself to others, you will never find out who you are.
12. Choose your friends cautiously. (= 友人を慎重に選ぶ)
13. Always make time for **self-care**. Don't work too hard.
14. You have more courage than you know.
15. Be careful how you **measure success**. (= 成功・出世の尺度には色々ある)

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1. What are some essential qualities of a good parent?
2. What are some effective ways to discipline (= 躾ける・叱る) a teenager?
3. Should parents be legally required (= 法律で義務付けられる) to take parenting classes (= 子育て入門講座) before having children?
4. What difficulties do parents face today that didn't exist 100 years ago?
5. Do you think parents should limit (= 制限する) their teen's use of technology and social media?

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1. Should parents **allow** their teens to get a **tattoo**?
2. What kind of things would you **never allow** your teen to do?
3. Are there any **activities** that are **too dangerous** for your child to try?
4. Do you want to **spend more time** with your **parents**? What would you do?
5. **How** should parents **punish** teenaged children?
6. What would you do if you found out your teen was **shoplifting** (= 万引き) ?
7. What would you do if your teen **lied** to you?