

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR EXPECTING PARENTS

Will we co-sleep with the baby, use a bassinet, or keep them in a separate crib?

Are reusable cloth diapers or single-use disposable diapers better?

Who will take off work to stay home when the baby is sick?

If anything happens to us, who will we choose to be our child's godparents?

When will we allow technology in our baby's life? What technology are we okay with?

How are we preparing to pay for all costs related to a new baby?

Will we comfort our baby immediately when they cry, or let them cry it out for a while?

How will we tag team late night baby watching shifts?

Should we become certified in baby CPR or take any other safety precautions?

How will we handle routine and emergency child care situations?

When will we be comfortable allowing our child to be handled in public?

How will we choose to document baby memories? Digital, scrapbook or other?

Will we choose to enroll our child in swimming lessons? If so, when?

Which of your personality traits do you hope our child has?

Do we want to have any more children? If so, how many?

What has been the best part of your experience of this pregnancy so far?

What has been the biggest challenge of this pregnancy so far?

Will we use a pacifier? Why or why not?

Are we planning to buy new or gently used baby gear?

How and when are we planning to introduce our baby to our pets?

When is the best age to have "the talk" with our child?

When will we feel comfortable giving our child a cell phone?

When will we feel comfortable allowing our child to date?

Should we create a college savings account, and if so, how much should we contribute?

Who will be present during labor?
What about delivery?

How will we share the news of our baby's arrival? Will social media be in the picture?

Will we have a hospital birth or opt for a birthing center or home birth?

How much help will we need after birth, and who will we ask?

How are we keeping up with a healthy lifestyle during and after pregnancy?

Will we take any classes or read any books to prepare for a new baby?

Should we both take off work at the same time or spread it out for more coverage?

Will we enroll our child in daycare or will one of us stay at home full-time?

How will we discipline? Will our parenting style be strict or more lenient?

What are some behaviors or words that you absolutely won't tolerate as a parent?

Have we written a will? If not, when do we plan on doing this?

Is breastfeeding or bottlefeeding more appropriate for our situation?

How will we split up chores when the baby is a newborn? Who will cook, do laundry, etc?

Will we raise our child with a certain set of moral values or under any religion?

Where do we want to raise our child? Will we stay where we live, or consider moving?

What do you expect our family life to be like in 10 years? 20?

Will we teach our child to play an instrument, read music or sing from an early age?

Will we enroll our child in foreign language classes?

When will we feel comfortable leaving the child with a babysitter for a date night?

Will we use an epidural or have a medication-free birth?

Are we set on a name yet? Is there any significance behind it?

Will we enroll our child in activities like sports, dance or gymnastics?

Are we comfortable with profanity around the baby – in music, movies or conversation?

How will we make sure to spend time on each other despite the challenges?