

# Scenarios: Planning to Parent Activity

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1. You are both 18. You have decided to either have a baby or adopt a child when you're 22. Prepare to tell the class why you decided to wait until you're a little older.

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2. You are both 17 and you have a toddler. You don't want to have another child for a while. Prepare to explain to the class why you want to wait until you're older until you have another child.

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3. You are both 22. Neither of you have any biological children, and you don't plan to. You are helping to raise the child of another family member. Prepare to explain to the class why you decided not to have children.

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4. You are both 29 and have recently had your first baby. Prepare to explain to the class why you are glad you waited until now to have a child.

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5. You are both 25. You have one child and would like one more. Then you plan to stop. Prepare to tell the class why.

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6. You are both 23 and have both always wanted a big family, at least five children. You are planning to adopt some of your children from foster care. Prepare to tell the class how you made this decision.

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# Observation Worksheet

Our class will be observing six role plays. For each role play, keep track of which issues the couple discusses by putting a check in the box. The blank boxes are for you to write in any issues that are not already listed

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PERIOD:** \_\_\_\_\_

Issue	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Money, job</b>							
<b>Good place to live, house</b>							
<b>Age and maturity</b>							
<b>Personal qualities</b> (patient, responsible, etc.)							
<b>Plans for education and career</b>							
<b>Interest in being a parent</b>							
<b>Love of children</b>							
<b>Good relationship with partner</b> (ability to work out differences, good communication, respect, etc.)							
<b>Committed partnership</b> (marriage, life commitment, already built trust, etc.)							
<b>Support</b> (partner, family, friends to help out)							
<b>Other responsibilities</b> (still in school, other kids, etc.)							
<b>Serious problems</b> (addiction, violence, etc.)							

# Focused Writing Worksheet

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Pick one sentence below that is the best match for you. Fill in the blanks. Use the back of the page if you need more room to express your ideas.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

**For students who have never had a child...**

1. I plan to have my first child when \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. I do not plan to have any children because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**For students who already have a child ...**

1. I plan to have my next child when \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. I do not plan to have any more children because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_