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Older mothers may raise happier children

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THE ARTICLE

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New research suggests that the children of older mothers grow up to be happier. The study says children will also experience fewer behavioural problems and have fewer social and emotional difficulties. Researchers from Aarhus University in Denmark looked at data from a random sample of 4,741 mothers. Lead researcher Professor Dion Sommer said we become, "more mentally flexible with age, more tolerant of other people". He said this could be the reason why older mothers do not scold and physically discipline their children as much as younger mothers. He added that, "this style of parenting can contribute to a positive psycho-social environment" as the child grows up.

The findings of the research showed that the average age of the women while pregnant was about 31. Studies show that older mothers worry less during pregnancy and are happier and more positive about becoming parents and towards their children in general. This may mean they are more caring and supportive of their children. Older mothers also tend to be in more stable relationships, they are better off financially and they have had a better education. Researchers also found that children born to older mothers have a better language ability than those born to younger mothers. This may be because older mothers spend more time with their children and talk to them more often.

Sources: <http://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20170323/older-mothers-may-raise-better-behaved-kids-study-suggests>
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/17405629.2016.1266248?journalCode=pedp20>
<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20170323/Children-born-to-older-mothers-are-at-an-advantage-report-researchers.aspx>

WARM-UPS

1. OLDER MOTHERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about older mothers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

research / happier / experience / emotional / difficulties / flexible / discipline / positive average / pregnant / in general / supportive / relationships / financially / language

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. YOUNGER MOTHERS: Students A **strongly** believe mothers are better than older mothers; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite is true. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PARENTING: What are the pros and cons of parenting? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Money		
Sleep		
Holidays		
Happiness		
Future		
Mental health		

5. PREGNANT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "pregnant". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HAPPY: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that make parents happiest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a child's birth
- children at play
- child graduates university
- child gets married
- a child's first "I love you"
- big hugs
- bath time
- reading together

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A study says children of older mothers have fewer behavioral problems. **T / F**
- b. The study is from a university in Denmark. **T / F**
- c. Researchers looked at data from 4,741 mothers. **T / F**
- d. The study said older mums scold children more than younger mums. **T / F**
- e. The average age of the mothers in the study was 41. **T / F**
- f. The study found that older mothers worried more about their pregnancy. **T / F**
- g. Older mothers are usually in more stable relationships. **T / F**
- h. Younger mothers were found to talk to their children more. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. experience | a. control |
| 2. data | b. demonstrate |
| 3. tolerant | c. secure |
| 4. discipline | d. surroundings |
| 5. environment | e. speak |
| 6. show | f. open-minded |
| 7. in general | g. talent |
| 8. stable | h. come across |
| 9. ability | i. usually |
| 10. talk | j. information |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. the children of older mothers | a. random sample |
| 2. fewer social and | b. more stable relationships |
| 3. looked at data from a | c. discipline their children |
| 4. more tolerant | d. emotional difficulties |
| 5. older mothers do not scold and physically | e. pregnancy |
| 6. the average age of the women | f. general |
| 7. mothers worry less during | g. grow up to be happier |
| 8. children in | h. ability |
| 9. Older mothers also tend to be in | i. of other people |
| 10. a better language | j. while pregnant |

GAP FILL

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New research (1) _____ that the children of older mothers grow up to be happier. The study says children will also experience (2) _____ behavioural problems and have fewer social and emotional (3) _____. Researchers from Aarhus University in Denmark looked at (4) _____ from a random sample of 4,741 mothers. Lead researcher Professor Dion Sommer said we become, "more mentally flexible with (5) _____, more tolerant of other people". He said this could be the (6) _____ why older mothers do not scold and physically (7) _____ their children as much as younger mothers. He added that, "this (8) _____ of parenting can contribute to a positive psycho-social environment" as the child grows up.

fewer
discipline
reason
data
suggests
style
difficulties
age

The findings of the research showed that the (9) _____ age of the women while pregnant was about 31. Studies show that older mothers worry less during (10) _____ and are happier and more positive about becoming parents and towards their children in (11) _____. This may mean they are more caring and (12) _____ of their children. Older mothers also (13) _____ to be in more stable relationships, they are better (14) _____ financially and they have had a better education. Researchers also found that children born to older mothers have a better language (15) _____ than those born to younger mothers. This may be because older mothers (16) _____ more time with their children and talk to them more often.

off
supportive
spend
pregnancy
average
ability
tend
general

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) New research suggests that the children of older mothers grow _____
 - a. up to be happy a
 - b. up to been happier
 - c. up too be happier
 - d. up to be happier
- 2) fewer behavioural problems and have fewer social and _____
 - a. emotionally difficulty
 - b. emotionally difficult ties
 - c. emotional difficulties
 - d. emotionally difficulties
- 3) Researchers from Aarhus University in Denmark looked at data from _____
 - a. a random simple
 - b. a random sample
 - c. a random sump all
 - d. a random stamp all
- 4) we become, "more mentally flexible with age, _____"
 - a. more tolerant
 - b. more tolerance
 - c. more toll errant
 - d. more taller ant
- 5) the reason why older mothers do not scold and physically _____ children
 - a. discipline them
 - b. discipline there
 - c. discipline they're
 - d. discipline their
- 6) Studies show that older mothers worry less _____
 - a. during pregnant see
 - b. jury pregnancy
 - c. jawing pregnancies
 - d. during pregnancy
- 7) This may mean they are more caring and _____ children
 - a. support if of their
 - b. supportive off their
 - c. supportive of their
 - d. support I've of there
- 8) Older mothers also tend to be in more _____
 - a. stay bull relationships
 - b. stable relationships
 - c. stay ball relationships
 - d. stable relationship
- 9) Researchers also found that children born to older mothers have a better _____
 - a. language abilities
 - b. languages ability
 - c. languages abilities
 - d. language ability
- 10) older mothers spend more time with their children and talk to _____
 - a. them more off ten
 - b. them more oft than
 - c. them more often than
 - d. them more often

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers.html>

1. What kind of problems will children of older mothers have fewer of?
2. What country is this research from?
3. How many mothers' data did researchers look at?
4. What do older mothers become with other people?
5. What do older mothers do less of physically to their children?
6. What was the average age of pregnant mothers in the sample?
7. What tends to be more stable with older mothers?
8. In what way did the article say older mothers are better off?
9. What ability is better in children of older mothers?
10. Who do older mothers spend more time with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers.html>

- 1) What kind of problems will children of older mothers have fewer of?
 - a) behavioural problems
 - b) bullying
 - c) money problems
 - d) difficulty problems
- 2) What country is this research from?
 - a) Sweden
 - b) Norway
 - c) Denmark
 - d) Finland
- 3) How many mothers' data did researchers look at?
 - a) 4,417
 - b) 1,471
 - c) 7,417
 - d) 4,741
- 4) What do older mothers become with other people?
 - a) strangers
 - b) more tolerant
 - c) monsters
 - d) friends
- 5) What do older mothers do less of physically to their children?
 - a) discipline them
 - b) hug them
 - c) shout at them
 - d) use their real name
- 6) What was the average age of pregnant mothers in the sample?
 - a) 51
 - b) 41
 - c) 21
 - d) 31
- 7) What tends to be more stable with older mothers?
 - a) their mind
 - b) their balance
 - c) relationships
 - d) the weather
- 8) In what way did the article say older mothers are better off?
 - a) emotionally
 - b) financially
 - c) health-wise
 - d) alone
- 9) What ability is better in children of older mothers?
 - a) cooking
 - b) sciences
 - c) language
 - d) maths
- 10) Who do older mothers spend more time with?
 - a) their husband
 - b) their children
 - c) their neighbours
 - d) their doctor

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – 18

You think 18 is the best age to become a first-time parent. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 25, 32 or 40.

Role B – 25

You think 25 is the best age to become a first-time parent. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 18, 32 or 40.

Role C – 32

You think 32 is the best age to become a first-time parent. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 25, 18 or 40.

Role D – 40

You think 40 is the best age to become a first-time parent. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 25, 32 or 18.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'older' and 'mother'.

older	mother
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• difficulties• data• other• much• positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• age• less• general• tend• ability• talk
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OLDER MOTHERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about older mothers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

OLDER MOTHERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'older'?
3. How much do you agree with what you read?
4. Why might younger women be better mothers?
5. What is a good mother?
6. Have you become a more tolerant person?
7. How should parents discipline their children?
8. How useful is scolding young children?
9. What are the best three adjectives to describe a mother?
10. Should high schools give weekly parenting classes to children

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OLDER MOTHERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'mother'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why might older women be better mothers?
15. What is the best age for someone to become a parent?
16. Is there a time when someone becomes too old to become a parent?
17. How can society give more help to mothers (and fathers)?
18. How difficult is the job of being a mother?
19. Should mothers get paid for being a mother?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) suggest | (b) suggests | (c) suggestive | (d) suggesting |
| 2. | (a) less | (b) fewer | (c) lessen | (d) lessens |
| 3. | (a) sump | (b) stamp | (c) simple | (d) sample |
| 4. | (a) mentality | (b) mentally | (c) mental | (d) menthol |
| 5. | (a) how | (b) why | (c) why | (d) what |
| 6. | (a) parental | (b) patented | (c) parenting | (d) patent |
| 7. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) of | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) while | (b) between | (c) during | (d) among |
| 9. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) at | (d) in |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) off | (c) at | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) off | (b) at | (c) on | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) these | (b) that | (c) those | (d) them |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. fewer social and emotional ieftfdlisuci
2. a random psmlea of 4,741 mothers
3. more nlarotte of other people
4. this could be the rasneo why
5. yclasyplih discipline their children
6. a esvotiip psycho-social environment

Paragraph 2

7. the varegea age of the women
8. older mothers worry less udrgni pregnancy
9. more caring and rieupvspto
10. they are better off inicialfyna
11. a better inctuoade
12. a better language tibaiyl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () people". He said this could be the reason why older mothers do not scold and physically discipline their children as
- () because older mothers spend more time with their children and talk to them more often.
- () that older mothers worry less during pregnancy and are happier and more positive about becoming parents and towards
- () experience fewer behavioural problems and have fewer social and emotional difficulties. Researchers from Aarhus University
- () much as younger mothers. He added that, "this style of parenting can contribute
- (**1**) New research suggests that the children of older mothers grow up to be happier. The study says children will also
- () to a positive psycho-social environment" as the child grows up.
- () The findings of the research showed that the average age of the women while pregnant was about 31. Studies show
- () of their children. Older mothers also tend to be in more stable relationships, they are better off
- () their children in general. This may mean they are more caring and supportive
- () to older mothers have a better language ability than those born to younger mothers. This may be
- () in Denmark looked at data from a random sample of 4,741 mothers. Lead
- () financially and they have had a better education. Researchers also found that children born
- () researcher Professor Dion Sommer said we become, "more mentally flexible with age, more tolerant of other

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. be mothers happier grow Children up of to older .
2. experience behavioural Children also fewer problems will .
3. data at Looked mothers 4,741 of sample random a from .
4. mentally with We more flexible age become .
5. younger children mothers as Physically much discipline as their .
6. pregnant while women the of age average The .
7. mothers Older pregnancy during less worry .
8. and positive becoming Happier more about parents .
9. relationships also be stable mothers to more Older tend in .
10. mothers Older children their with time more spend .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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New research *suggests / suggestive* that the children of older mothers *growing / grow* up to be happier. The study says children will also experience *less / fewer* behavioural problems and have fewer social and emotional *difficult / difficulties*. Researchers from Aarhus University in Denmark looked *at / in* data from a random *simple / sample* of 4,741 mothers. Lead researcher Professor Dion Sommer said we become, "more mentally flexible with *old / age*, are more *tolerant / tolerance* of other people". He said this could be the reason why older mothers do not scold and *physical / physically* discipline their children as much as younger mothers. He added that, "this *stylish / style* of parenting can contribute to a positive psycho-social environment" as the child grows up.

The *findings / funding* of the research showed that the average *age / old* of the women while *pregnant / pregnancy* was about 31. Studies show that older mothers worry *fewer / less* during pregnancy and are happier and more positive about *becoming / become* parents and towards their children in *generally / general*. This may mean they are more caring and supportive of their children. Older mothers also tend to be in more *stable / barn* relationships, they are better *on / off* financially and they have had a better education. Researchers also found that children born to older mothers have a better language *ability / able* than those born to younger mothers. This may be because older mothers spend more time with their children and talk *to / at* them more often.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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N_w r_s__rch s_gg_sts th_t th_ ch_ldr_n _f _ld_r
m_th_rs gr_w _p t_ b_ h_pp__r. Th_ st_dy s_ys
ch_ldr_n w_ll _ls_ _xp_r__nc_ f_w_r b_h_v__r_l
pr_bl_ms _nd h_v_ f_w_r s_c__l _nd _m_t__n_l
d_ff_c_lt__s. R_s__rch_rs fr_m __rh_s _n_v_rs_ty _n
D_nm_rk_l__k_d_t_d_t_fr_m _r_nd_m_s_mpl_ _f 4,741
m_th_rs. L__d_r_s__rch_r Pr_f_ss_r D__n S_mm_r_s__d
w_ b_c_m_, "m_r_ m_nt_lly fl_x_bl_ w_th _g_, _r_
m_r_t_l_r_nt_f_th_r_p__pl_". H_s__d th_s c__ld b_
th_ r__s_n why _ld_r m_th_rs d_n't sc_ld _nd
phys_c_lly d_sc_pl_n_ th__r ch_ldr_n _s m_ch _s
y__ng_r m_th_rs. H_ _dd_d th_t, "th_s styl_ _f
p_r_nt_ng c_n c_ntr_b_t_t_ _p_s_t_v_ psych_-s_c__l
_nv_r_nm_nt" _s th_ ch_ld gr_ws _p.

Th_ f_nd_ngs _f th_ r_s__rch sh_w_d th_t th_ _v_r_g_
g _f th_ w_m_n wh_l_ pr_gn_nt w_s _b__t 31.
St_d__s sh_w th_t _ld_r m_th_rs w_rry l_ss d_r_ng
pr_gnncy _nd _r_h_pp__r _nd m_r_p_s_t_v_ _b__t
b_c_m_ng p_r_nts _nd t_w_rds th__r ch_ldr_n _n
g_n_r_l. Th_s m_y m__n th_y _r m_r_c_r_ng _nd
s_pp_rtv_ _f th__r ch_ldr_n. _ld_r m_th_rs _ls_ t_nd
t_ b_ _n m_r_st_bl_r_l_t__nsh_ps, th_y _r b_tt_r
_ff_f_n_nc__lly _nd th_y h_v_ h_d _b_tt_r_d_c_t__n.
R_s__rch_rs _ls_ f__nd th_t ch_ldr_n b_rn t_ _ld_r
m_th_rs h_v_ _b_tt_r_l_ng__g_ _b_l_ty th_n th_s_
b_rn t_ y__ng_r m_th_rs. Th_s m_y b_b_c__s_ _ld_r
m_th_rs sp_nd m_r_t_m_ w_th th__r ch_ldr_n _nd t_lk
t_ th_m m_r_ _ft_n.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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New research suggests that the children of older mothers grow up to be happier. The study says children will also experience fewer behavioural problems and have fewer social and emotional difficulties. Researchers from Aarhus University in Denmark looked at data from a random sample of 4,741 mothers. Lead researcher Professor Dion Sommers said we become, "more mentally flexible with age, more tolerant of other people". He said this could be the reason why older mothers do not scold and physically discipline their children as much as younger mothers. He added that, "his style of parenting can contribute to a positive psycho-social environment" as the child grows up. The findings of the research showed that the average age of the women while pregnant was about 31. Studies show that older mothers worry less during pregnancy and are happier and more positive about becoming parents and towards their children in general. This may mean they are more caring and supportive of their children. Older mothers also tend to be in more stable relationships, they are better off financially and they have had a better education. Researchers also found that children born to older mothers have a better language ability than those born to younger mothers. This may be because older mothers spend more time with their children and talk to them more often.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **older mothers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OLDER MOTHERS: Make a poster about older mothers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PARENTING: Write a magazine article about having weekly parenting lessons for all children at high school. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on older mothers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three pieces of advice for older mothers. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c T d F e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. experience | a. come across |
| 2. data | b. information |
| 3. tolerant | c. open-minded |
| 4. discipline | d. control |
| 5. environment | e. surroundings |
| 6. show | f. demonstrate |
| 7. in general | g. usually |
| 8. stable | h. secure |
| 9. ability | i. talent |
| 10. talk | j. speak |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Behavioural problems
2. Denmark
3. 4,741
4. More tolerant
5. Discipline them
6. 31
7. Relationships
8. Financially
9. Language ability
10. Their children

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)