

Good Parenting Does not Occur Magically

Directions: In each lettered square of the puzzle, write the number of the term that best fits the description having that letter. If your answers are correct, the total of the numbers will be the same across and down. This total is the Magic Number. Write the Magic Number in the space provided.

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

Descriptions

- A. In addition to basic needs, children also need ?, including love, affection, attention, and encouragement.
- B. Children receive a(n) ? so their body can build resistance to a disease.
- C. Effective ? helps children learn to control their own feelings.
- D. Parenting brings many ? changes.
- E. People can learn parenting ? by working with children and by observing others interacting with them.
- F. To be effective, discipline should be ?, or similar each time.
- G. Having children is a lifelong ?.
- H. ? involves caring for children and guiding their growth and development.
- I. Parents are ? for their children.

Terms

- 1. Nurturing
- 2. Parenting
- 3. Consistent
- 4. Role models
- 5. Lifestyle
- 6. Vaccine
- 7. Skills
- 8. Discipline
- 9. Commitment
- 10. Positive

The Magic Number is _____.

Realities of Parenting

Directions: Circle the letters of all the items in each list that correctly answer the question at the top of the box. Then follow the directions on the next page.

<p>1. What are some characteristics of couples who are ready to start a family?</p>	<p>2. How might a parent's life change when a baby comes?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Financial readiness B. Mature, stable relationship C. Understanding of child development D. Good social life E. Desire to have children F. Emotionally immature G. Willingness to make sacrifices H. Ability to meet a child's needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Less sleep B. More time for self C. Cut back on work hours D. More time with spouse E. Put off education F. Need for child care G. Less money for entertainment H. Put child's needs ahead of own
<p>3. What are some of the difficulties of being a teen parent?</p>	<p>4. What are a parent's responsibilities to a child?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Dropping out of school B. Being a single parent C. Having more time for social activities D. Not having enough money E. Delaying college and career F. Lacking skills in child rearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Buying fancy toys B. Providing food C. Getting medical care D. Providing a place to live E. Dressing in cute clothes F. Nurturing
<p>5. How can you practice positive parenting?</p>	<p>6. How can you be a positive example to children?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Set clear limits. B. Model appropriate behavior. C. Be inconsistent with discipline. D. Explain why something is wrong. E. Wait to discipline until the child does something a third or fourth time. F. Give genuine praise for good behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Match your words with your actions. B. Admit when you make a mistake. C. Treat others unfairly. D. Point to other role models. E. Give reasons for your actions. F. Have realistic expectations of what children can do.

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CHAPTER 12 (Continued)***Realities of Parenting***

Directions: Read each statement below carefully. Put a check mark in front of each statement that shows positive parenting. For the statements you do not check, explain on separate paper how the parent could have acted in a more positive way.

- _____ 1. Two-year-old Alex's mother scolds him for writing on the kitchen wall instead of on his paper, which is in a drawer he can not reach.
- _____ 2. Consuela's mother explains before they go to the grocery store that she is not going to buy any candy while they are there. She gives Consuela a small snack before they go so she will not be hungry.
- _____ 3. Dan yells at his toddler to leave his soft drink alone. "That's Daddy's! You can not drink that stuff," he says to the child.
- _____ 4. Brett's father has trouble keeping Brett out of the way when he cleans the house. He repeatedly tells Brett to go play, but the toddler always comes back to where his father is.
- _____ 5. Salima brings a small insect to her mother. "Look what I found!" she says excitedly. Although Salima's mother is squeamish about insects, she suggests that they go inside to look for a jar to put the insect in so they can look at it for a while.
- _____ 6. Four-year-old Haley shows her father how she wrote her name herself. Some of the letters are crooked and the Y is missing. Her father says, "Wow! You are really trying hard to write your name yourself. I see an H, an A, an L, and an E. Are there any other letters in your name?"