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## **Level 1**

### **Older mothers may raise happier children**

**31st March, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers-1.html>

Research says children of older mothers grow up happier. It says these children have fewer behavioural, social and emotional problems. Researchers looked at data from 4,741 mothers. A researcher said we are more flexible and more tolerant of others as we get older. He said this could be why older mothers do not scold and hit their children so much. He said this kind of parenting can lead to a positive environment as the children grow up.

The research said the average age of the mothers was 31. Older mothers worry less during pregnancy and are usually more positive about having children. This may mean they are more caring. They also have stronger relationships, more money and a better education. Researchers found that children with older mothers have better language skills. This may be because older mothers spend more time with their children and talk to them more.

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>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. emotional                       | a. older              |
| 2. looked at data                  | b. hit their children |
| 3. more flexible and more tolerant | c. up                 |
| 4. as we get                       | d. from 4,741 mothers |
| 5. He said this could be           | e. environment        |
| 6. scold and                       | f. why                |
| 7. lead to a positive              | g. problems           |
| 8. as the children grow            | h. of others          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the average age of the      | a. skills           |
| 2. Older mothers worry less    | b. having children  |
| 3. usually more positive about | c. more             |
| 4. This may mean they are more | d. during pregnancy |
| 5. a better                    | e. their children   |
| 6. have better language        | f. mothers was 31   |
| 7. spend more time with        | g. education        |
| 8. talk to them                | h. caring           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The research said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the mothers was 31. Older mothers (8) \_\_\_\_\_ during pregnancy and are usually more (9) \_\_\_\_\_ having children. This may mean (10) \_\_\_\_\_ caring. They also have stronger relationships, more money and a better education. Researchers found that children with older mothers have better (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This may be because older mothers spend more time with their children and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# OLDER MOTHERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170331-older-mothers-4.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

