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## **Parenting Jeopardy Lesson Objective**

Time: **40 minutes**

New York State Parenting Standard: **Standard 1: Roles and Responsibilities, Standard 2: Human Growth and Development, Standard 3: Support Systems and Services**

**Aim: For students to begin to explore, or summarize the many realities of becoming a parent.**

Objectives:

Students Will:

- 1) Participate in an interactive group game to identify the many realities of parenthood, with a special focus on teen-parenthood**
- 2) Have the opportunity to explore some of the many facts (answers) in greater depth.**

Materials Needed:

**Lesson outline, buzzers or noise makers (one per small group), black/dry-erase board markers or chalk, erasers Jeopardy questions, Jeopardy Board (2 large poster boards).**

Affix 5 questions in a vertical column to poster board for each category, starting with the lowest value, 6 categories total. Feel free to exchange your own categories or questions!

## **Parenting Jeopardy Lesson Outline**

- I. Playing the Game
  - A. Explain Rules –This activity is based upon the popular game show Jeopardy. Remember that in Jeopardy the final answer is given as a QUESTION.
    - 1. Students will work together to find the answers but appoint one student to answer the question for their group- time saver.
  - B. Read card (in the form of an answer) and allows a few second (10-15) for students to come up with an answer. The team who “buzzes” in first gets the first chance to answer, or you may simply rotate among the groups.
  - C. If the groups answers correctly:
    - 1. The points for that question are added to their score.
    - 2. They choose the next category the question will be given from.
  - D. If a student answers incorrectly or does not phrase it in the form of a question:
    - 1. They will have the amount the question is worth deducted from their score.
    - 2. No one else from their group is allowed to re-answer the question.
    - 3. Provide the chance for someone in another group to state their question.
    - 4. If no group is able to provide the correct question, give the question/answer with an explanation and move on to the next card.
  - E. During the game give students additional information on each question to increase their knowledge on each topic area. This can be done after each; but will probably be better accepted if you wait after each category is completed.
  
- I. Game Board information:
  - A. Rotate among groups to allow students to pick the categories and financial worth of each question.
    - 1. The group who answers the last question correctly picks the next category.
    - 2. As the question values increase the difficulty of the question increases as well.
  
- II. Final Jeopardy
  - A. Once all questions from the board have been answered, or class is almost over, move into final Jeopardy.
    - 1. Groups must first decide how much they will wager (up to the amount they have gained through the game) and write this on a piece of paper. Give one minute for groups to decide.
    - 2. Have group share their wager, and note near their score.
    - 3. Give final Jeopardy question in the form of an answer, and give students a few minutes to work as a group to come up with the question. Their answers must be written on a piece of paper or small white/chalk board.
    - 4. When time is up collect everyone’s answers and read them out loud. Add or subtract students wager amount from students’ scores to find the winning team.
  
- III. Optional
  - A. Provide a prize for the winning team, or a small token for everyone.

# Pregnancy

This is the vitamin that all women should take before pregnancy to prevent birth defects...

**Answer:** What is Folic Acid?  
(*neural tube defects can cause childhood paralysis or an underdeveloped brain*)

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This is a condition a baby may be born with if their mother drinks alcohol during pregnancy...

**Answer:** What is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)?  
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This is what a surgical delivery of a baby is called....

**Answer:** What is Cesarean Section?  
100

This is what we call a baby that is born too soon (before 36 weeks of gestation)....

**Answer:** What is a Premature infant?  
200

This is how much weight a woman should gain during a healthy pregnancy....

**Answer:** What is 25-35lbs?  
400

# Newborns

You must have one of these in your car when traveling with a newborn

**Answer:** What is a car seat?

**OR**

This is the age or weight a child must be before they no longer need to sit in a car seat, by law.

**Answer:** What is 5 or 100lbs (either answer is acceptable)

100

This is the healthiest food for a newborn...

**Answer:** What is breast milk?

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This is the average weight of a healthy newborn baby....

**Answer:** What is 7 to 8 pounds?

300

This is the average cost of hospital and doctor services for a vaginal (non-surgical) delivery of a healthy baby...

a. \$500,000.000 b. \$6,300.00 c. \$15,000.00

**Answer:** What is \$6,300.00?

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This is the average number of diaper changes a newborn baby needs in one day....

**Answer:** What is 8-12?

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# Parent's Responsibility

In a 24 hour day, this is the number of hours a parent is responsible for their child...

**Answer:** What is 24 hours?

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Once someone becomes a parent, this is the number of years they will continue to be a parent to their child...

**Answer:** What is always or the rest of your life?  
400

These are three places that a person could learn about parenting....

**Answer:** What are books, parents, parenting classes, internet, magazines...(many other places as well)?  
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This is the person who is most important in a child's life.

**Answer:** Who is the parent or primary caregiver?  
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This is the average cost of raising a child from birth to 18, not including college, in the year 2008?

**Answer:** What is \$250,000.00?  
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# Parental Responsibility and The Law

This is who has a legal right to decide to give or not to give their baby up for adoption?

**Answer:** Who are the mother **and** the father of the baby?  
*(This may need to be determined with a paternity test).  
If the state has not surrendered the rights of the parents,  
**both** parents have to agree that they wish to give up their  
child before another family can adopt their child.*

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This is how long a mother has before she is no longer able to begin asking for child support from the baby's father.

**Answer:** What is until the child is 21 years of age?

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This is how long both parents are financially responsible for their child?

**Answer:** What is 21 years?

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This is how money is legally taken from a parent that refuses to pay child support.

**Answer:** What is taking it from your paycheck, tax refund, house, car or other items of value?

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This is what a parent has to pay if they are not married to their child's father/mother (or are separated) and not living with the child...

**Answer:** What is child support?

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# Waiting for Parenthood

This is the act of refraining voluntarily or withholding oneself deliberately from an action such as sexual activity.

**Answer:** What is abstinence?

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These are two things a responsible parent should do before becoming pregnant.

**Answer:** What is finish school, have a good job, have money, take parenting classes, have a life partner (other appropriate answers are acceptable)?

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Preventing an unplanned pregnancy is most successful if you know/do which of the following?

- you know how pregnancy occurs
- you can use abstinence skills effectively
- you and your partner communicate about your relationship.

**Answer:** What is all of the above?

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This is an answer you can give to someone who is pressuring you to have sex, and you don't want to.

**Answer:** What is ...(any reasonable answer is acceptable)

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This is what abstaining from sex protects you from.

**Answer:** Becoming pregnant before you are ready, contracting an STI, feeling guilty or embarrassed, worrying about how you look naked.

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# Realities of Teen Parenthood

These are some of the life changes that a teen would have to make if they had a baby.  
**Answer:** What are: drop out of school, poor job future, lack of money, no time to hang out with friends, unable to go away to college?

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This is the main thing a teen parent will have to spend his/her money on if he/she has a baby.

**Answer:** Baby supplies, Baby food, Diapers (other appropriate answers are acceptable)

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This is what teens can spend their money on (legally), but a teen parent cannot (give 3).

**Answer:** CD's, Clothes, dinner out, parties etc.  
**Alcohol and/or drugs is NOT acceptable**

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This is who most teen parents spend their time with.

**Answer:** Who is their baby/child?

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This is the way to be 100% sure you don't become a teen parent.

**Answer:** What is not have sexual intercourse?  
*Note, protected intercourse is not always safe, and is not an acceptable answer for the game*

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# Final Jeopardy Questions

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These are the three styles of parenting.

**Answer:** What are jellyfish (permissive), brick-wall (authoritative) and backbone (authoritarian) parenting?

## Final Jeopardy Question

These are two benefits of breast feeding

**Answer:** What is baby will be smarter, mother will lose weight gained during pregnancy faster, baby will not get sick as often (healthier immune system)...?

## Final Jeopardy Question

A low birth weight baby is at risk for...

**Answer:** What are learning disabilities, poor temperature regulation, infection, feeding problems?

## Final Jeopardy Question

These are possible birth complications for which teens are at greater risk than adults.

**Answer:** What are baby with low birth weight, premature birth, higher incidents of SIDS?

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