

10 Great Reasons Not to Be a Teen Parent!

1. **You'll probably have more money.** Having a baby now will make it harder to finish school and get a good, high-paying job.
2. **You can graduate from high school easier.** You'll have more time to study and won't have to worry about missing class to take care of your baby.
3. **Your baby will have a better chance of good health.** Studies show that children born to teens have a higher risk of being born prematurely or underweight.
4. **Your family might get upset.** How would your parents feel if they found out you were having a baby?
5. **You will be able buy the things you want.** You won't have to worry about buying diapers, clothing, food, medical care, etc. for your baby.
6. **Your relationship may not be ready for a baby.** Having a baby is very stressful and can be hard on relationships. If you break up with your boyfriend/girlfriend you'll have to see each other.
7. **You might be a better parent later in your life.** Life experiences help us learn to deal with different situations. As you get older, you'll be more likely to handle to stress of having a child.
8. **Babies eventually grow up.** Babies don't stay cute and cuddly for long. Before you know it you'll be dealing with the terrible twos and raising a teenager of your own.
9. **You will have more options about your future.** It will be easier to go to college, travel or try out different jobs.
10. **You'll have time to enjoy being a teen.** Take advantage of the freedom you have now. Being a teenager lasts a moment, being a parent lasts your whole life.

