

**A** Below are some statements for and against the argument that: *It's better to have children before the age of 30.* Match the sentence halves and then decide which statements are for (✓) and which are against (X).

- 1 The younger the parents,
- 2 They might not have done everything
- 3 Older parents have more life
- 4 Children might be
- 5 The older the parents,
- 6 Parents will be able to relate
- 7 There are more potential risks
- 8 Young parents may not have enough

  
  
  
  
  
  
  



- A experience and can bring up their children more wisely.  
 B involved in having a baby later in life.  
 C the more responsible and mature they are.  
 D the more energy they have.  
 E money to support a family.  
 F bullied at school for having older parents.  
 G to their child better if they are closer in age.  
 H they want to do and this could lead to resentment.

**B** For each argument in A, write an example or supporting statement.

- 1 They do not get tired so easily and can cope better with sleepless nights
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Tick the sentences which are right and correct the ones that are incorrect.

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1 It is true that younger parents have more energy. On the one hand, older parents tend to be wiser.

2 While it can be argued that older parents are more tolerant, I don't believe this is always true.

3 Teenage parents may not be financially secure. However they can understand their children's problems.

4 Although it's hard to deny that older parents are less energetic. They are more emotionally stable.

5 Other people take the opposite view, however, and claim that the younger you are, the easier it is.

6 But some people argue that you should have children early in life, I don't agree.