

parent

Verb + parent

parents worry
parents separate / split up
parents get divorced
please your parents
meet (her) parents
parents bring you up

Verb + prep + parents

live with (your) parents
fall out with (your) parents
look after (your) parents
communicate with (your) ...

Adjective + parent

an elderly parent
a single parent
strict parents
foster parents
working parents



"I met Ben's parents for the first time at the weekend. They seemed very nice."

1. Verb + parent

Complete these sentences with the correct form of the above verbs:

1. My parents separated when I was two, then got when I was four. I was brought up by my mother. I only saw my dad at the weekends.
2. I my boyfriend's parents for the first time last week. They seem very nice.
3. It's nearly midnight. I'd better phone home, or my parents will start to
4. I hate this dress, but I only wear it to my parents.
5. My parents me up to believe that the only way to be successful in life is to work hard.

2. Verb + with + parent

Match the halves:

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| 1. I can't communicate with my parents. | a. but now I have to look after them! |
| 2. My parents brought me up, | b. we could afford a flat of our own. |
| 3. I've fallen out with my girlfriend again. | c. They just don't understand me! |
| 4. My wife and I lived with my parents until | d. We haven't spoken to each other for a week. |

3. Adjective + parent

Complete the sentences with the above adjectives:

1. Both my parents were very I wasn't allowed out after 7 o'clock until I was 16!
2. I have to take care of my parents. They're both in their eighties, and they need daily help with their housework and shopping.
3. Being a parent isn't easy. Bringing up a family on your own is hard work.
4. The meeting will be held in the school hall tomorrow evening to allow parents to attend.
5. My real parents died in a car crash when I was a baby. I was brought up by parents.

Note

Note these expressions:

I'm completely dependent on my parents for money.

I have a good relationship with my parents.

It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that their children