

Adoption Readiness Quiz

You and your partner should both take some time to answer the following questions to determine your state of adoption-readiness. After you've completed the quiz, ask your partner to do the same. Then read the next section to help interpret your and your partner's answers.

1. Imagine that we *do* adopt a child. What is our life like?

2. What do you think are the main pros and cons of adopting?

Pros:

Cons:

3. What do you think are the main pros and cons of parenting?

Pros:

Cons:

4. What would we do as a family in our spare time and on vacations?

5. What would our biological child be like if we had one? (Even if there is no chance that you could have one.)

6. What would our adopted child be like?

Interpreting the Quiz

Questions 1 and 4: These questions can give you a good idea of how you and your partner envision parenting. If either of you think nothing will be different, you're being unrealistic. If you're both already thinking about family trips, picnics, and other outings, then adoption might be right for you.

Questions 2 and 3: The quiz asks about the pros and cons of adopting as well as the pros and cons of parenting. If your answers to both questions are the same or similar, then it might mean that you view adoption as equal to biological parenting. If the answers are radically different, you might not be receptive to adoption.

Questions 5 and 6: Your and your partner's answers to these questions can give you important information about how you both view adoption. If your answers describe the biological child and adopted child in favorable terms, then you're probably at least open to considering the adoption option. If the biological child is described in glowing terms, and the adopted child is described more negatively, this may indicate a problem. Of course, if the adopted child is described in idealistic terms, that isn't good either. What you're looking for is realism and balance.