



## Homework: Intercultural Parenting Questions

**Read the list** of intercultural parenting questions below and **mark down** the ones that are relevant to you. After finishing, **share** your thoughts with your partner.

1. What religion/belief system/world view/ideology should be taught?
2. What kind of traditions are there in your culture which you would like to adopt in your family life? This question may concern baptizing, boy's circumcision, celebrating Christmas etc.
3. How will you deal with ignorance, prejudice or racism should your child ever experience it?
4. Are your own parents prepared that your child might not look and be completely different from "their side"?
5. What name will you give to your child? Should it be a family name, and if so, whose family? Should the name be typical of one country, one religion, or should it be one which is acceptable to both?
6. Should your baby be allowed to crawl on the floor, walk barefoot, stumble and fall, or pampered and protected from potential dangers before they present themselves?
7. Should child care be the exclusive domain of the mother, shared by both parents, or perhaps entrusted to a nanny or relatives?
8. How much and what kind of help and support do you expect from your own or your spouse's parents, other relatives and friends?
9. Should you spend time alone as a couple without your baby, and should you both have time alone?
10. Does the father take paternity leave from his work? What about after maternity leave? Do you think that baby should be given to the day care or taken care at home? Who will be at home with the baby?
11. Should the schooling be done in one or both languages or in a third language?
12. Should you as parents be actively involved in your child's school work, monitoring every step, or should your child be responsible for his or her own work and the consequences of not doing it well?
13. Does performing badly at school bring shame on the entire family or on the child alone?
14. How about discipline: should your child be punished for bad behavior, and if so, how? Is physical punishment ok or not?
15. Should your child be able to choose her/his own friends?
16. How will you show and how do you expect your child to show love and respect?
17. How should rules be set in your family? By discussing with your child or by deciding with your partner? Should your child obey the rules without questioning or should she/he be allowed to disagree with the rules?