

## READING

Read the article. Which do you think is the best tip?

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# How to... Survive Meeting Your Partner's Parents for the First Time

## TIPS

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1. **Be punctual.** Read the map before you go; nobody likes a late arrival. Take into account that there might be bad traffic.
  2. **Do your research.** Before you meet the parents, take advantage of every moment you have with your partner to talk about their parents' backgrounds and interests. What football team does the father support? What does the mother do in her free time? *(line 6)*
  3. **Make sure you dress smartly.** This makes the right impression. Don't wear a suit, but don't take a risk and wear that old Che Guevara T-shirt you bought at the market.
  4. **When they meet you at the door,** shake hands and take the blame if you're late, even if it was your partner's fault that you got lost on the way there. *(line 11)*
  5. **If there's dinner** taking place, be complimentary about the food, and take your time eating it - you don't want look like a pig! Offer to do the washing-up and actively take part in any after dinner entertainment, like Pictionary.
  6. **Be polite.** Show that you enjoy taking care of their child and spending time with them by telling funny anecdotes about them and what they do. *(line 17)*
  7. **Be yourself.** If they ask you for your opinion, be honest. If they are too judgmental of you, take no notice - it's not that important.
  8. Above all - **Listen to them.** Even if they are boring, try to take interest in what the parents do. Remember: they want the best for their precious child! *(line 21)*
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Now underline all the expressions with 'take'.

What do you think they mean?

**VOCABULARY:** Match the expressions with 'take' to their definitions.

	Letter	Expression		Meaning
1.	C	Take into account that there might be bad traffic. (line 1)	a.	to use an opportunity to achieve results.
2.		take advantage of every moment you have... (line 3)	b.	to proceed without care of the possibility of danger involved.
3.		...but don't take a risk and wear that old Che Guevara T-shirt. (line 8)	c.	to consider or remember something when judging a situation.
4.		...and take the blame if you're late... (line 10)	d.	you can spend as much time as you need in doing something.
5.		...take your time eating it - you don't want to look like a pig! (line 12)	e.	to be responsible for and look after someone or something.
6.		If there's a meal taking place, be complimentary about the... (line 12)	f.	to you say that something was your fault and that you did it
7.		...and actively take part in any after dinner entertainment. (line 14)	g.	to happen.
8.		Show that you enjoy taking care of their child... (line 16)	h.	to participate in an activity.
9.		If they are judgmental of you, take no notice - it's not that important. (line 19)	i.	to become concerned or interested in someone or something.
10		...take interest in what the parents do. (line 20)	j.	to not pay attention to something.

Complete the table:

take + _____ + preposition	take interest in
	take care of
	take advantage of
	take part in
take + ( - / a / the) + _____	take place
	take a risk
	take the blame
take + _____ + singular noun	take into account
take + possessive adj. + _____	take your time
take + no + _____	take no notice

Put the correct **noun** into the questions below:

risk	blame	account	part
interest	advantage		time
notice	place	care	

### ***VOCABULARY PRACTICE***

## **How to... Survive Meeting Your Partner's Parents for the First Time**

1. What things should you **take into** \_\_\_\_\_ when meeting your partner's parents for the first time?
2. Do you **take** \_\_\_\_\_ of the information you already know about your partner's parents and use it when you meet them? How?
3. Would you ever **take a** \_\_\_\_\_ and talk about politics at the first meeting of your partner's parents?
4. Would you **take the** \_\_\_\_\_ if your partner did something wrong and they were scared of telling their parents?
5. Is it better to **take your** \_\_\_\_\_ getting to know your partner's parents, or should you try to be best friends straight away?
6. Do you think it's important to actively **take** \_\_\_\_\_ in every conversation at the first meeting with your partner's parents? Why?
7. Do you think you should have to go to all the important family events that **take** \_\_\_\_\_ in your partner's life? Why/ why not?
8. How should you show to the parents that you enjoy **taking** \_\_\_\_\_ of your partner?
9. How easy is it to **take no** \_\_\_\_\_ of what your partner's family think of you? Why/ why not?
10. Why do you think it's important to **take** \_\_\_\_\_ in your partner's parents' lives?