

The wisdom of sev^H^H^Heighth graders: What it means to be an adult

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Since I'm obviously a glutton for punishment, I also helped read eighth grade essays on the same topic: Describe the qualities you consider to be those which make someone an adult. As always, remember that these are just the funny sentences/excerpts.

Let me tell you about my parents

- My dad looks older for one reason because he has facial hair.
- [My father] doesn't look young and muscular like most teens do.
- Some people are just plain dumb, but not my dad.
- My dad works at his extremely boring Job every day.
- If you slack on your work and lagger behind you won't have a good image when people think of you. Fortunately, my dad has covered this quality. *Your dad is a slacker?*
- He is a photographer so he has to work with a lot of people. Alot of those people are ignorant and stuffy politicians.
- My dad goes down to Seattle practically every day and does stuff I'm not totally sure about but he's a lawyer.
- My dad is an adult because [he] makes a budget so he can pay the bills on time, so we can keep our house and not get our car toed. *It's called wheel alignment, and toeing is a good thing.*
- My dad is an adult partly because he mad it through highscool and collage. *I wonder whether he majored in anger management.*
- My Dad... !! yayz!
- Three children and a wife can be a real hassle, some people can't even handle one.
- [Dad] recently had this mid life crisis I believe, he went kind of crazy and bought all this equipment for making music. He made his songs, and then kinda transitioned back to normal.
- He has engendered a family.
- In all te be considered an adult you have to be at or over 18. And I assure you my mom is well over 18.

- College also gave her [my mother] a social experience. This is important because it gave her a dose of adultery. *Does your father know this?*
- My mom is always my home skillet biscuit. *Fo' shizzle.*
- This means that my mom can drive and drink both things together only an adult can do. *I take it your mom isn't a member of MADD.*

Entering a no fun zone

- Being immature is like acting like a monkey or making fart noises with your mouth.
- [Adults should be] even keel (that means they don't go completely berserk if they don't get dessert)
- You can't slackoff like you did in middle school.
- No grownup is lazy.
- No more being babied by mommy.
- Movies: OK.
Teaping: Not OK.
- When adults do work like working in the yard, they can go for hours on end!!
Meanwhile we're in school going insane!
- Hitting isn't going to solve anything because it's just going to get you sewed and thrown into the big house. *As ye sew so shall ye rip.*
- Jobs can be stressful, boring, and horrible especially if you don't like your job.
- Her job brings in a luxuriant amount of money.
- People who still live with their parents when they're 30 years old are not really adults.
- Go out get a job get a house and start a family. Don't wait or your gonna end up living with your parents!

It's harder than I thought

- Emotions make yourself weak and in life only the strong remain.
- I consider one person to be an adult. *Wow, pretty exclusive club.*
- To be a great adult you should try to resemble Jerry Seinfeld. *Is that the one person?*
- When I think of the word adult, I think of people like my Dad, my Mom, my teachers, and random parents I know. *Like, a lottery?*
- A adult should have a decent car like a shiney Corvette with shiney wheels.
- Being grown up is very rare and you might only see it a few times in your life. [...] Being [an adult] requires "the look." When you look into an adult's eyes and see wariness, regret, stern impassiveness, but most of all, intelligence.
- Believe in your yes and the Believing will make it happen, make you a good leader. *Okay, you lost me at the "Believe in your yes" part.*
- You need to be social to have friends and have fun as an adult. Instead of "cowering" in a dark corner of your high school reunion.
- You can dive to and from work.
- You have to pay the morgue.

- ... independent, responsible, and always goes beyond what he can do. *He takes on more than he can handle?*

Tautology corner

- An easy way to tell if someone's an adult is to see how mature they are.
- When you are a child, you have just about no maturity.
- There are numerous reasons why I believe the starting of college is the point you enter college.

Assorted commentary

- Finally, you have to be patient as an adult, because you might have kids you might not, but they are always everywhere.
- Parents are adults, clowns are adults, the ice cream man is an adult, most teachers are adults, and even teachers are adults.... Adults seem to be completely ubiquitous. *About as ubiquitous as children, apparently.*
- I think that every adult should have a job that gives descent money. *How about moral decay money? Can I get that, too?*
- When teenagers think "adult" most picture a grown up human being that can vote and drink alcohol until they puke. *I'm having second thoughts on that moral decay money.*
- Most adults fly off the handle at kids who are obnoxious or at their stupid boss at their stupid work. *Having issues, are we?*
- It would be hard to live in a world with immature adults. *Yet somehow we manage.*
- ... kids can get away with mistakes, because they're seen as little dogs who don't know any better.
- I'd like to live a low-stress life for a few more years before society demands my presence. *Enjoy your doghood for a little while longer.*
- If I am angry at someone or something, she is always by my side ready to fight. *Is this an adult or an anime character?*
- Without responsibilities, adults would be just like kids but much taller.
- Some people have all the experience in the world, but they have never analized it. *Anal-ization sounds painful.*
- Do you want to know what an adult is? Well, I hope so, 'Cause you're about to find out!
- Now we're getting off topic so let's wrap this up.
- There are probly more things to being an adult but what do I know I just trying to get passed 8th grade.

Misspelling corner. I've included more context; that may make the game a bit easier.

- She [Mom] also runs a house with no hunban on the weekdays.
- The thing I don't like is the chorse that she makes me do.
- ... doing buiesness 24/7.

- The Maturity of Friendship
- ... a great person that reflex what a real adult should be like.
- You need responsibleaty to cope with the basicks of every day adulthood.
- There are also some fisual singhs of adults.
- Thoughs people have the maturity of an eighth grader.
- So the next generation has the change to become a secseder in life.

And just so you won't think all eighth graders are terrible writers:

The truth of it all is your house is the central gravitational force, pulling bits of your life together.

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