

Prompts for Party Guests

Sprinkle these conversation starters throughout the gathering to shower the parent-to-be with love and laughter. You could even include one or two in the invitations to give guests a chance to think ahead. Share out loud or in the chat.

What qualities of the parent-to-be do you think will make them a great parent? Bonus points if there's a story involved.

Do we have any night owls here to text or call if Mom or Dad needs to connect when they are up late with Baby? Any early birds? Nap time talkers?

No parent is perfect. Share a story of a time you (or your parent when you were growing up) were less than perfect and how it turned out ok anyway. Bonus points for funny.

What kind of permission slip would you give the parent(s)-to-be? Examples: permission to wear maternity clothes as long as they want; permission to order takeout as needed; permission to watch trash TV during feedings; permission to cry at any time for any reason.

Bottles aren't just for babies. What wines or beers do you recommend when Mom or Dad needs some me-time?

Blessings for Baby: What dreams, hopes and prayers do you have for the baby? Examples: that she'll become President; that they'll know how loved they already are; that he'll be proud of who he is and where he came from.

What shows or podcasts do you recommend for feeding times (we'd advise against true crime)?

Halloween Costume Cuteness: State your picks for Baby's early Halloween costumes (before they have their own opinions on the matter). Bonus points for matching the pets.

So Many Firsts: Nominate some nontraditional "firsts" that should be captured with a photo or video or in writing. Examples: Baby's first road trip; Baby's first dance moves; Baby's first swear.



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