

1. adoption	the legal process where all legal rights and responsibilities are transferred from birth parents to adoptive parents	17. permissive/indulgent	a style of parenting characterised by a parent displaying excessive leniency
2. authoritarian	a style of parenting characterised by a parent being demanding and inflexible	18. ratify	to sign or give formal consent to a treaty, contract or agreement, making it officially valid
3. biological parent	one who contributes genetic material as a result of sexual intercourse or assisted reproductive technologies	19. respite care	the temporary care of an aged, ill or disabled person, usually in an institution. It is designed to give carers a break from the demands of their daily routine
4. carer	a person who, formally or informally, provides ongoing personal care to a dependant	20. responsibility	a duty or obligation
5. community organisations	welfare agencies such as Salvation Army, Smith Family, Red Cross, that assist parents and caregivers to meet their primary needs	21. rights	entitlements
6. democratic	a style of parenting characterised by a parent inviting all members of the family to have a say in decisions	22. social parent	one who has parental responsibilities for a child with whom they do not share a genetic relationship
7. dependant	an individual who is under the care of someone else	23. step-parent	a man or woman who marries or forms a relationship with a partner who has a child or children from a previous relationship
8. discipline	the practice of training children to obey rules or a code of behaviour, sometimes using punishment to correct disobedience	24. surrogacy	an arrangement between a couple who cannot have children and a woman who becomes pregnant on the couple's behalf; the child is handed to the couple after delivery
9. duty of care	a legal concept that involves the idea that parents and carers must meet the needs of their dependants and care for their wellbeing		
10. elder abuse	a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring which causes harm or distress to an older person		
11. formal support	support for parents and carers provided by an organisation or service e.g. from DOCS or the Salvation Army etc.		
12. fostering	an alternate living arrangement for children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them in the family home		
13. house husband	a man who lives with a partner and carries out household duties traditionally done by a housewife, instead of going out to work		
14. informal support	support for parents and carers not backed by an organisation or service e.g. from relatives, friends or neighbours		
15. management strategy	a plan or action put in place in order to achieve a goal		
16. negligent	a situation in which parents do not meet the physical or emotional needs of their children		