

# Model Essay

7. **Some people believe that when busy parents have a lot of time to spend with their children, the best use of that time is to have fun playing games or sports. Others believe that it is best to use that time doing things that are related to school work. Which of the two approaches do you prefer?**

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

**Currently, there is a widespread belief that** parents should spend time doing school work with their children when they have time. **From my perspective, however, it is better for parents to** have fun playing games or sports with their children.

**In the first place,** spending time playing with children helps parents build a close relationship with their children. As is known to all, the fierce competition in modern society forces parents to devote more time and energy to their work; thus, they do not have much time communicating with their children. As a result, the generation gap between parents and children becomes larger due to the lack of communication. By spending time having fun with their children, parents may communicate more with their kids in a pleasant and relaxing environment, which contributes to establishing a close relationship between them. **For example, I was raised up by my grandparents because both of my parents work in another city. I have little opportunity to stay with them, so I even feel strange when meeting them. When my parents realized this, they spend every weekend playing with me. Maybe sometimes I play basketball or soccer with my father and sometimes I play badminton with my mother. After some time, I feel closer to my parents and our relationship gets better.** It is evident that playing with children contributes to the good relationship between parents and kids.

**Furthermore,** spending time playing with children is beneficial to children's growth. Teenagers have already gained the theoretical knowledge from the teachers and school, and by playing with their parents, they may learn more valuable things that cannot be acquired in class, which is essential for their future development. **For instance, last month I played the badminton with my parents and our neighbors. At first, I always missed the shuttlecock and was depressed; after some rounds, I decided to give up. However, my parents told me I should not give up so easily; instead, I should find out the problems and try to solve them. After a short discussion, I realize that in doubles, I always**

paid little attention to my teammates and thus the inefficient cooperation led to my failure. My parents told me the importance of teamwork and encourage me to try it again. I soon picked up my confidence and enjoyed the little competition. This experience has influenced me a lot and every time I come across difficulties, I will remember what my parents told me: 'When life gets hard and you want to give up, remember that life is full of ups and downs, and without the downs, the ups would mean nothing.' Thanks to playing with my parents, I really learn many lessons about life.

**In conclusion, it is advisable for parents to** play with their children if they have spare time **due to** the close relationship built in the process and the life lessons they impart.

## 二选一话题结构设计

1. A好 B不好（可一边倒）
2. 分情况讨论

## 万能理由

- 效率便捷 (time, efficiency, convenience)
- 知识经验(knowledge, experience, awareness)
- 经济成本(money, cost)
- 环境健康(environment, health)
- 必要可行(necessity, feasibility)

## 时间对比类话题

- Life: 生活条件改善（有更多的时间进行精神文化生活），生活压力增大（父母没时间陪孩子，人际关系等）
- Education: 受教育人数增加，教学内容的变化（对于事物的认识）
- Culture: 传统文化（如上述从前的尊师重教），政策变化
- Technology（时过境迁的物质改变）
- Environment（健康, 环境变好了，生活质量）