

“Speaking Model 12 - Ideal Number of Children” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

What is the ideal number of children for a husband and wife to have (why)?



Sample 1: It's hard to say what an **ideal number** is. I think it is a personal choice about how many children you have but, I guess that many people, where I come from, would say that two is a **perfect number**, one boy and one girl. With the high cost of raising children, I think that two **kids** is about right but, if you can afford more, then that's **okay** too.

This is spoken language so colloquial expressions like “kids”, “okay” are acceptable, although a range of vocabulary needs to be used. Note that the speaker uses “perfect number” in addition to “ideal number”.

Sample 2: I believe that it's good to have lots of children - not too many, but three or four are ideal. In that way, brothers and sisters can look after one another and the house always feels full. When parents get old, they know that they will always have people to care for them, especially when they are sick and unable to move around easily.

Always try to go beyond one sentence when answering questions in Part 1. Always look to explain your answer and maybe offer an example.