Single Parenting

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Vocabulary

Spouse: a person's husband or wife.

Drastic: severe and sudden, or having very noticeable effects.

Thrive: to grow, develop, and become successful.

Beckon: (in this context) something that is likely to happen.

Set aside something: to save something for a particular purpose.

Refuel: to supply again with fuel. (in this context) to be filled with more energy to be able to continue a journey.

To make ends meet: to earn just enough money to live on.

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Introduction

Single-parent families are families where a parent lives with dependent children. They live either alone or in a larger household, without a spouse or partner. In a single parent family, all the family responsibilities fall on one parent when his/her mate leaves the family. These responsibilities include caring for the children, managing the family's finances and handling the expenses, doing all the household chores while working at an office and paying attention to the emotional needs and happiness of oneself and the whole family.

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