

Parenthood, in 6 Words



Parenthood.

It exhilarates, exhausts, disgusts, and lifts us like nothing else possibly could.

How would you sum up the journey in six words? Inspired by Hemingway's assertion that a story can be told in six words, I asked that to parents around me – at soccer practice, in the blog world, even at the grocery store.

Here are 30 responses ... from the anxious to the delirious to the simply joyous, all honest, all from the heart.

1. **“Having my heart outside my body.”** *Hannah H.*
2. **“Fulfilling, enduring, exhausting, challenging, thrilling, proud.”** *Andrea P.*
3. **“The most humbling experience in life.”** *Matt C.*
4. **“The craziest ride of your life.”** *Brittany R.*
5. **“Heart, bigger. Brain, hurts. Arms, full.”** *Alison, author of [Writing, Wishing](#) blog*
6. **“Best job you’ll do for free.”** *Amanda P.*
7. **“My greatest love, joy and anxiety!”** *Tara G.*
8. **“Love, care, teach, manners and values.”** *Lamar H., author of [Inspirational Basketball](#) blog*
9. **“One crazy rollercoaster of a bootcamp.”** *Erica W.*
10. **“Parenthood is elation, exhaustion, heartbreak; repeat.”** *Lesley M.*
11. **“A life turned upside down instantly.”** *Christine Carter, author of [Mom Cafe](#) blog*
12. **“Life with kids is beautiful chaos.”** *Erica G.*
13. **“Exhausting sacrifice which brings innumerable blessings.”** *Kris B.*
14. **“Days go slow, years go fast.”** *Rebecca C., author of [The Unsteady Path](#) blog*
15. **“What the heck was I thinking?”** *Kelly S.*

16. **“Best thing ever happened to me.”** *Janet C.*
17. **Leaving a legacy by changing diapers.”** *Laura O., author of Mommy-Miracles blog*
18. **“Love, with a side of chaos.”** *Ashley T.*
19. **“Sometimes you just have to laugh.”** *Jillian L.*
20. **“What could possibly happen again today?”** *Holly Homer, author of June Cleaver Nirvana blog*
21. **“Instantaneous love combined with eternal worry.”** *Lacey E.*
22. **“Learning and growing every single day.”** *Tricia, author of Raising Humans blog*
23. **“The hardest but most fulfilling job.”** *Deanna M.*
24. **“Buckle up, and enjoy the ride.”** *Kimbra, author of Mommy’s Rambles blog*
25. **“Re-evaluating what is important in life.”** *Tina S., author of One Mom’s Battle blog*
26. **“Keep an eye out; don’t hover.”** *Michelle N., author of A Dish of Daily Life blog*
27. **“Relentless pressure released by random hugs.”** *Cindy R., author of The Reedster Speaks blog*
28. **“Parenthood is what gives me perspective.”** *Jen B., author of Another Jennifer blog*
29. **“First 20 years are the hardest.”** *Laurie, author of “The Trophy Mom” blog*
30. **“Teaches unconditional love and abundant patience.”** *Stacy J., author of Stacy Uncorked blog*

What would your six-word sentence read?

And which of these do you most associate with?