

When Should a Parent Sing?

Please spare us!



So sorry to drop this news on you, adults. In a recent survey, hundreds of kids were asked “What do adults do which embarrasses kids?” You probably aren’t surprised that they had, um, plenty to say. But who knew that **singing** would be the #1 offense? Sure, it might be understandable that kids cringe when parents sing within earshot of their almighty friends. But many kids also abhor parental crooning at home or - gasp - in the car. Seems they consider this an indecent assault on otherwise good tunes.

By ANDY SHEN, with input from hundreds of kids



Mike, 11

Comments from Kids

“To kids, your singing is “fingernails-on-the-chalkboard” bad. Trust me.” **Mike, 11**

“My friends feel sorry for me. Even the cat runs away.” **Ayanna, 14**

“Maybe kids have superhuman hearing powers, so we can detect terrible sounds that don’t bother ordinary adults.” **Ian, 10**

“They ruin all my favorite songs.” **Jessica, 10**

“Try this: before you sing, imagine Grandma or Grandpa coming to your office and singing in front of the other workers.

How would you feel?”

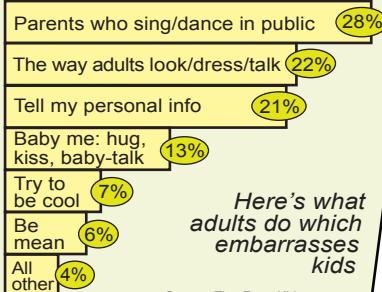
Justine, 15



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How adults embarrass kids



Here's what adults do which embarrasses kids

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