Many people have not thought through their feelings about being parents and taking on the responsibilities of parenthood. To explore your own feelings, complete these statements.

1. To me, a family is

2. When it comes to planning a family—or just letting things happen—I feel

3. The nicest thing about having a baby is

4. When a woman is pregnant, she should

5. When I think about childbirth

6. After a baby is born, the parents’ responsibilities are

7. The idea of my baby inheriting a disease or defect makes me feel

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Chapter Review (Continued)

Main Ideas
*Answer each of the following questions.*

1. Compare adoption and foster care. How are they alike? How are they different?

2. How are an ectopic pregnancy and a miscarriage similar? How are they different?

3. Why is it important for pregnant women to avoid alcohol, smoking, and drugs?

4. Distinguish between a vaginal delivery and a cesarean delivery of the fetus.

5. What four practical questions need to be answered when planning a family?