

What can you say when they say...

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"How long are you going to nurse that baby?"

- "Oh, another ten minutes or so."
- "I have no idea."
- "As long as we both enjoy it."
- "Well I doubt that she'll go to college nursing, but this is the best thing I can do right now to make sure she does go to college!"
- "Why do you ask?"

"When are you going to start giving him real food?"

- "Goodness, what do you think this is?"
- "Why do you ask?"

"What's in the big box?"

- "A breast pump."
- "My baby's lunch."
- "Wouldn't you like to know!"
- "Why do you ask?"

"You hold that baby too much."

- "Do you think so?"
- (with a grin): "Yeah!"
- "Too much for what?"

"You shouldn't have that baby in bed with you."

- "Ah, but don't we have a happy baby?"
- (with mock indignation): "Now, really, is it any of your business who I'm sleeping with?"
- "Well, that's where most of the world's babies have always slept. Seems to work."
- "Why not?"
- "Oh?"

"You shouldn't nurse your baby to sleep."

- "Well, he's too young to read himself to sleep."
- "Why not?"
- "We have to enjoy it now, because he won't want me to when he's ten."

"You're spoiling that child."

- (with a grin): "Jealous?"
- (with a grin): "Yeah. Aren't we terrible?"
- "Do you think so?"

"Are you sure you have enough milk?"

- "You change her diapers for a while, and you won't have to ask!"
- "Yes."
- (motioning to baby): "Well, she's pretty sure!"

"Is she nursing again? You must not have enough milk."

- "Actually, this is how she makes sure I have plenty."
- "This isn't just her food, it's the center of her universe."

"I think it's time you weaned that child."

- "What for?"
- "Really?"
- "Now is when it's really getting fun."
- "What could we possibly gain from that?"
- "I don't. Neither does he."

"As your health care advisor, I think you should... (start supplementing or wean, or whatever)."

- "I'd like a little more information before I make such an important decision."
- "I'm not really comfortable with that approach. Can you show me the studies that support it?"
- "Ahhh."
- "But is that a medical issue or a parenting issue?"
- "What are my other options? What will happen if I don't?"
- "Can you recommend a breastfeeding specialist I could talk it over with? What are her credentials?"