Prompt: Describe what makes a good parent. Use one or more personal experiences to support your ideas.

Parents are the base of a family and the greatest influence on children. Parents are people who support and guide their children during their lives. Not anyone is a good parent. Many parents do not know how to guide and prepare or take care of their children; therefore, it is like a child did not have a parent in his life. Being a parent is an important role in life, and a good parent is a goal for each one. Because of absence of any skill or personal trait, there are parents that do not qualify to raise children. Good parents are well-prepared to begin their roles, they support their children's decisions, and they show them love every time.

First of all, being a parent is a role that change people's lives. Being a parent increases responsibilities, and as result, requires being mature. A good parent is someone well-prepared and mature to handle all responsibilities and duties that this new role brings. For instance, a single 14 year-old girl will not have the same capacity to be a good parent like a married 25 year-old person. A 14 year-old girl's responsibility is to study, and even though she is mother now, she will not be a good mother because she has no preparation to be a good mother. Being a good parent means to be physically and mentally prepared to raise a child because a good parent will know how to guide his child because he was prepared to handle it.

Second, a good parent is someone who supports his child's decisions and he is there for him. Many children in the world do not have parents because they left their children, and they did not worry about them. Or in the opposite, children left their parents because they did not support or showed any interest on them. My mom is a high school teacher in a poor sector of the city. She has seen every case where children do not have their parents with them, and they live with their grandparents or aunts. Other case is when young girls got pregnant, and their parents ignored them, and they did not support their decisions. A good parent is someone who assists his child every time, and he shows him his support in every decision his child makes.

Finally, besides giving support and help to children, good parents demonstrate the most essential factor in a relationship: love. Children need to be loved by their parents, and they must show them kindness. Moreover, it is proved that parents should tell to their children how much they love them every day to enhance the relationship between them. Love is the base of everything. Good parents usually have good relationships with their children when they show them love everyday and in every situation.

In conclusion, parents are essential people in a child's world. Many people are not qualified to be a parent because they do not have important skills and preparation. Moreover, a good parent is worried about his children, and he will give his help and support to his children to enhance a good relationship. Last but not least, love plays an important role in being a good parent. Demonstrating love for children indicates a strong relationship between parent and children, and love is the base for this.
Prompt: Summarize the points in the lecture and explain how they cast doubt on the points made in the reading.

Americans are very unique and popular in the world. The reading and the listening passages explain about Americans culture and its formality and informality. However, the reading part states that foreign visitors feel very uncomfortable, and they feel that Americans are disrespectful because they are extremely informal. On the other hand, the listening states that even though Americans like to demonstrate casuality, they are very formal in many situations.

First of all, the reading explains that Americans wear informal clothes. As an example, the reading states about a symphony performance people go dressed with blue jeans and short-sleeved shirts without ties. Also, many companies have a casual dress code, where employees are able to wear T-shirts and shorts. However, the listening explains that dressing casual clothes means you are lazy. In large lectures people can dress casual, and even employers that allow people to dress casual, they dress very formal and professionally when they have professional or business interviews. Even in manual jobs that do not require formal dressing, Americans wear more formal clothes when they have interaction with clients.

Second, the reading passage states that informality is also apparent in American's greetings. They use "Hi" or "Hi there" as often with one's superior as with one's close friends. The listening differ form the readin aprt explaining that even though most American professors and bosses greet informally, it does not mean that they do not ask for respect to their students. they want them to participate in class discussion nad ask questions.

Finally, the reading states that people from other countries will probably find American informality as uncomfortable, but Americans find it as compliment. However, the speaker say that Americans show formality, and this indicates respect to others. Moreover, slangs are not used with teachers and bosses because it is informal. However, many visitors are watching more and more Americans trying to catch their culture.

In conclusion, the reading passage believes that Americans are very informal and casual, that it can be even shocking for them to the point to be disrespectful. However, the listening says that aMERICANS ARE FORMAL.