



A Story about the Davenport Family...

I'd like to introduce you to Dan and Dora Davenport. This is a story of how they met, their marriage and life together...

Dan Davenport was a data analyst. Dora Delancy was a dancer. Dan met Dora in downtown Dover, Delaware in a dairy store. Their eyes met as they both ordered double dip dishes of delicious double fudge ice cream. After several months of dating and a six month engagement, they were married.

They were now in the **COUPLING STAGE.....**

What were some important tasks they had to accomplish?

What rewards and problems might they have?

REWARDS:

PROBLEMS:

After three years of marriage, they have established a home and a good relationship. Together they decide it is time to start a family and Dora becomes pregnant. They now enter the **PARENTING with BABIES STAGE....**Dora has their first child, David. Three years later, Darlene is born. And two years after this, their last child, Drew comes along.

What happens during this stage? What tasks and issues might they have to confront?

What rewards and problems might they have?

REWARDS:

PROBLEMS:

During the next few years, as the children grow, the Davenport family is experiencing the **PARENTING with SCHOOL-AGED through ADOLESCENT STAGE...**

Dora gives dancing lessons while the children are young. The family is able to sell their house in Delaware and move to Denver. (This has always been their dream.) Over the next few years the children enter school and then the teenage years.

What are some important tasks and issues they may have had to face in this stage?

What might some rewards and problems be?

REWARDS:

PROBLEMS:

Before they know it, Drew (their youngest) is 18 and off to the University of Denver. David and Darlene have found jobs, mates, marriage, and have moved out. The Davenport's are in the **EMPTY NEST/LAUNCHING STAGE....**

What happens during this stage? What tasks and issues must the family deal with?

What rewards and problems might they have?

REWARDS:

PROBLEMS:

Dan and Dora, being in relatively good health, decide to retire. They are beginning the **RETIREMENT OR SENIOR STAGE...of their marriage.**

What tasks and issues do they face now?

What rewards and problems might they have?

REWARDS:

PROBLEMS:

