

### Lesson 3: Hitting Devalues Parents



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p><b>Matter</b> - a situation or subject that is being dealt with or considered.</p>	<p><i>I think this is a matter best left to the mayor to decide.</i></p>
<p><b>Conversation</b> - an informal, usually private, talk in which two or more people exchange thoughts, feelings, or ideas, or in which news or information is given or discussed.</p>	<p><i>We had a brief conversation Friday.</i></p>
<p><b>Apologize</b> - to tell someone that you are sorry for something that has caused inconvenience or unhappiness.</p>	<p><i>I apologize if I offended you.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*We need to talk.*

**Mom:** I need to talk with you, John.

**Dad:** Why? What's the matter?

**Mom:** Ted is feeling bad and we need to talk to his teacher because of his misbehavior at school.

**Dad:** What are you implying, Angela?

**Mom:** What I am trying to say is that you keep on hitting your son which causes him to be a bad child. I mean he's taking it out on his classmates, hitting them.

**Dad:** Are you trying to say that, because of me, he's growing up to be bad?

**Mom:** I did not say that. But someday he will if you continue doing what you are doing to him now.

**Dad:** Then what are you trying to say?

**Mom:** John. Listen! I just want to ask you to please stop hitting your son, that's all! What you're doing affects your son's attitude and behavior.

**Dad:** He needs to be disciplined and you know that.

**Mom:** But hitting your own son is not the right way. You can talk to him about things properly. Ted is a smart kid. He can understand very well what you're trying to tell him.

**Dad:** So that's it?

**Mom:** You know what? His teacher thinks that we can't take care of his attitude problem. People will think of us as irresponsible parents. Do you want that?

**Dad:** Of course not!

**Mom:** Then you need to do better. Now talk to your son and apologize to him.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What is a conversation?

- a. the act of controlling a motor vehicle in order to arrive at a destination
- b. a talk in which two or more people exchange thoughts
- c. the spreading of untrue or harmful information about a person

2. What is matter?

- a. a set of questions or a puzzle undertaken for entertainment
- b. a free-standing object used for shelter
- c. a situation or subject that is being dealt with or considered

3. What does it mean to apologize?

- a. to tell someone that you are sorry for something
- b. to say thank you
- c. to welcome someone into your home

4. How does hitting devalue parents?