

Lesson 5: Hitting Doesn't Improve Behavior



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Behavior - a particular way of acting.</p>	<p><i>Many people complained about the behavior of some of the fans, who were loud and threatening to those around them.</i></p>
<p>Improve - to get better, or to make something better.</p>	<p><i>Her grades have improved greatly this semester.</i></p>
<p>Problem - something that causes difficulty or that is hard to deal with.</p>	<p><i>He has a serious health problem.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

What's wrong with you?

Tina: I am surprised that Lisa's child is still bullying his classmates. What's wrong with that child?

Venn: I heard that the poor child has been hit by his dad every time he made a mistake.

Tina: Really? Oh! Don't they know that it's not right to hit a child.

Venn: Well, maybe that's why their son doesn't improve his behavior.

Tina: Yes, at school his teacher always scold him because he doesn't follow the rules.

Venn: Oh! I think Lisa needs to know about this. We'd better talk to her.

(At Lisa's house)

Lisa: Hi! What brings you to my house today?

Venn: Hi, Lisa. We would like to talk with you about something.

Lisa: About what? Is there a problem?

Venn: Hmm I know if we don't have the right to do this, Lisa, but this is for the good of your son.

Lisa: Why? What did my son do?

Tina: Because of his behavior, all the mothers of his classmates are talking about him.

Lisa: Oh! That's all. Yes I know about that. And I'm trying to take care of it, because I don't want my son to grow up bad. I already talked to James about it.

Venn: That's good Lisa. I hope James will stop hitting your son so that he won't do the things he's doing now.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is behavior?
 - a. knowledge of proper manners
 - b. a particular way of acting
 - c. a reaction to stimuli.
2. What does it mean to improve?
 - a. to get better, or to make something better
 - b. to fail at an activity or in a field of study
 - c. to do something that can help another person
3. What is problem?
 - a. thoughts of hardships
 - b. a cause of pain or injury
 - c. something that causes difficulty
4. Why is it not right to hit our children?
5. What happens to a child who continues to be abused?