

## Lesson 1: Family Argument



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p><b>Argument</b> - A discussion in which disagreement is expressed; a debate.</p>	<p><i>He produced very clever argument in support of the proposal.</i></p>
<p><b>Perspective</b> - comparing something to other things so that it can be accurately and fairly judged.</p>	<p><i>Total investments for this year reached £53 million, and, to put this into perspective, investments this year were double those made in 2011.</i></p>
<p><b>Insane</b> - extremely unreasonable or stupid.</p>	<p><i>It would be insane not to take advantage of this opportunity.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*It is so confusing*

**Mom:** I don't know what to do!

**Dad:** Why? What's the matter? It's so early in the morning and you are already mad?

**Mom:** I don't know how to handle these kids! Every time they argue, or whatever, I don't know how and whom to control.

**Dad:** Well, we always knew what we were getting into when we decided to have kids. We are really blessed to have our family. You should try to appreciate it rather than complain.

**Ann:** Mooom! Liza took my pen again!

**Liza:** Can't I just borrow it?

**Ann:** The last time that you borrowed my pen, you didn't return it and when I finally got it back from you, it was broken!

**Rob:** Hey! Cut it out! Stop arguing. Can't you see that and dad are now fighting because of you two!

**Liza:** Excuse me? Don't tell us what to do. We never butt into your business, so stay out of ours!

**Rob:** Where do you get off talking to me like that, Liza?! You've got a really terrible attitude.

**Mom:** That's enough! You three go to your perspective rooms now!

**Dad:** Ok, kids! Move now. That's it. Everybody needs to learn how to control their tempers or else all of you will face consequences.

**Mom:** Oh, god! This is getting insane.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What is an argument?
  - a. a discussion in which disagreement is expressed; a debate.
  - b. a way to know each other.
  - c. a methods to discriminate against people.
2. What is perspective?
  - a. comparing something unfavorably to something else
  - b. using something familiar as an metaphor to explain something new
  - c. comparing something to other things so that it can be accurately and fairly judged.
3. What is insane?
  - a. mentally fit.
  - b. extremely unreasonable or stupid.
  - c. a reasonable way of expressing emotions.
4. What do you do when you are in the middle of an argument?
5. How do you solve family argument?