

## Lesson 1: Family Conflict and Discord



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p><b>Conflict</b> - an active disagreement, as between opposing opinions or needs.</p>	<p><i>Conflicts between parents and children become more frequent when the children become teenagers.</i></p>
<p><b>Discord</b> - a lack of agreement or feeling of trust between people.</p>	<p><i>The plan to build the highway created discord in our community.</i></p>
<p><b>Suffocate</b> - to die because of a lack of oxygen, or to kill someone by preventing that person from breathing.</p>	<p><i>The government warned parents yesterday not to let infants sleep on small plastic pillows because the babies could suffocate.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*I don't like my home!*

**Lance:** Bob! Please wait for me!

**Bob:** Hey! Hurry up we will be late for school.

**Lance:** Late for school? It is still very early! It's only 6:30AM.

**Bob:** I know that.

**Lance:** Anyway, why are you so in a hurry?

**Bob:** My mom and dad are fighting again. I really don't understand why they are always fighting!

**Lance:** Woah! They are fighting this early? Why?

**Bob:** They are always like that! They never go a day without fighting!

**Lance:** Oh! I'm sorry to hear that, Bob.

**Bob:** You know, Lance, I don't like staying at home. It's like I'm being suffocated in there because of my parents.

**Lance:** I think you have to seek help from your grandparents so that they can talk with your parents and help them work things out.

**Bob:** They don't know that mom and dad are always fighting. I go to their house every weekend because I don't want to stay at home.

**Lance:** You need to talk with them or ask them for help, Bob.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What is conflict?
  - a. an active disagreement
  - b. the inability to decide between options
  - c. not keeping to a set schedule
2. What is discord?
  - a. a lack of motivation
  - b. a harmonious existence
  - c. a lack of agreement
3. What does it mean to suffocate?
  - a. to smell bad substance
  - b. to die because of a heart attack
  - c. to die because of a lack of oxygen
4. What do you think will happen to a child if his parents continue to fight?
5. Is it beneficial for your child to witness this kind of situation? Why or why not?