

Lesson 2: Parental Control that is too Strict



Vocabulary Practice:

Control - a rule or law that sets a limit on something.	<i>She argued for tightening controls on air pollution.</i>
Strict - strongly controlled.	<i>Security was strict at the meeting between the two leaders.</i>
Dangerous - able or likely to cause harm or death, or unpleasant problems.	<i>People were worried that dangerous chemicals had leaked into the water.</i>

Dialogue Reading:

I cannot breathe anymore!

Dad: Hey, Anika! Get back here! I am still talking to you!

Anika: I don't want to! I am going to bed!

Dad: You brat! How many times do I have to tell you that you should be home before 9PM! How is that hard for you to understand?

Anika: I don't know why you won't believe me! I said we had to finish our project and that's why I came home late.

Mom: Why are you two fighting again?

Dad: You don't know? Your daughter just got back home! And look at the clock! It's already 10:30PM. Is that the proper time to get home for a middle school student?

Mom: Oh. Why don't you ask her in a calm way instead of scolding her? You know how busy students are especially when final examinations are coming.

Dad: Is that so? So why don't you try talking to her? I'm done.

Mom: Don't be mad, Tim. You know she is telling the truth. She has never lied to us.

Dad: You know that it is very dangerous for girls to be out at night. She needs to be more careful.

Mom: I know you care a lot for her. Go and talk to her. Explain to her why you are being so strict.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is a control?

- a. a person who enforces the rules
- b. an elected council that passes laws
- c. a rule or law that sets limits on something

2. What is strict?

- a. strongly controlled
- b. very hard to handle
- c. loosely controlled

3. What is dangerous?

- a. a harmful place
- b. able or likely to cause harm or death
- c. to be in a bad situation

4. Have you ever felt that you were too strict with your child? Have you ever felt your parents were too strict with you? Why or why not?

5. How can you manage your temper when your child can't be controlled?