

Lesson 1: Emotional and Verbal Attacks



Vocabulary Practice:

Emotional - connected with or showing feelings.	<i>The mayor made an emotional appeal for aid following the tornado.</i>
Verbal - spoken rather than written.	<i>Our apartment lease is really just a verbal agreement.</i>
Attack - the act of hitting someone or something, or an occasion when someone or something is hit.	<i>The hospital took a direct attack from a bomb.</i>

Dialogue Reading:

A fight between two siblings

- Jake:** Give me that! That's not your ball!
- John:** Who says this isn't mine?! This ball is for both of us, dad bought this for you and me!
- Mom:** Why are you two fighting?
- Jake:** John got my ball! That's not his ball mom!
- Mom:** I thought your dad bought that so that you both could play together.
- John:** He isn't sharing it with me, mom. Dad says we could play with the ball because it is ours.
- Mom:** Right! So, Jake, I think you should share the ball with your brother.
- Jake:** Ok! Ok! Fine! Here you are! (throwing the ball to John)
- Mom:** I don't want to scold you, Jake, because I know you'll be upset. But you shouldn't do that, don't throw the ball so hard at your brother.
- Jake:** You always go on side with John. You never believe me! I hate you!
- Mom:** Jake, stop that. You know that I love you both. Don't say that Jake. I taught you not to be selfish with your brother, didn't I? You have to share what you have with one another.
- John:** I'm sorry, Jake, I just want to play with that ball. And I thought that it was for both of us.
- Mom:** Jake, please do not think of that. Daddy and I love both of you.
- Jake:** I am sorry, mom. I am sorry, John. I just felt that because only I get scolded that mom and dad only love you. I'm sorry.

Mom: We love both you and John. So please don't that. (hugs her 2 sons)

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is emotional?
 - a. connected with or showing thinking
 - b. connected with or showing feelings
 - c. attempting to appeal to another's self-interest
2. What is verbal?
 - a. sung with all your heart
 - b. gestured rather than written
 - c. spoken rather than written
3. What does it mean to attack?
 - a. the act of unintentionally impacting another
 - b. the act of hitting someone or something
 - c. the act of moving at a quick pace
4. What could happen if we hurt our child's emotions with our words?
5. What can you do to avoid hurting your child's feelings?