

Lesson 1: Family Argument



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Argument - 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>Perspective - 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>Insane - 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?