

Lesson 3: Fragile Emotional State of a Child



Vocabulary

Practice:

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| <p>Fragile - easily damaged, broken, or harmed.</p> | <p><i>I feel fragile, as if a breath of wind could knock me over.</i></p> |
| <p>Temperament - the emotional character or state of mind of people or animals, as shown in their behavior.</p> | <p><i>Trudy has the nicest temperament of all our dogs.</i></p> |
| <p>Crybaby - someone who cries or complains a lot without good reason.</p> | <p><i>You keep on complaining with no reasons, just like a crybaby!</i></p> |

Dialogue Reading:

Don't cry easily

Mom: What are you doing, Ban?

Ban: Nothing, mom!

Mom: Are you crying? Let me see. You're crying, why?

Ban: No I'm not mom. I am sad because my classmates are always telling me I'm a crybaby.

Mom: Oh, dear! Don't pay any attention to those kids saying that you are a crybaby because you aren't. You are our baby and forever will be. So who are they to make you feel badly?

Ban: It really upsets me how they always laugh at me.

Mom: Like I said, dear, forget about them. You know that we love you for who you are because you are our very own treasure to keep and they don't know you as well as we do.

Ban: I wish they wouldn't do it anymore mom.

Mom: Don't worry, as long as you just stand up for yourself and you are not hurting them, they will soon leave you alone.

Ban: Okay, I'll try that.

Mom: Be strong, dear. Don't cry easily, because if you do then they will continue to tease you.

Ban: Ok mom. I won't! I will try my best!

Mom: That's the spirit, dear!

Ban: Thank you so much, mom. I love you!

Mom: I love you even more, dear!

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is fragile?
 - a. feeling badly when you see someone else in pain
 - b. easily damaged, broken, or harmed
 - c. resistance to damage or harm
2. What is temperament?
 - a. odd behavior
 - b. the feeling of doing things that is not appropriate
 - c. the emotional character or state of mind of people or animals, as shown in their behavior
3. What is a crybaby?
 - a. someone who cries or complains a lot without good reason
 - b. someone who perseveres through difficult times
 - c. a baby who is sick all the time
4. What should you do when your child is in a fragile emotional state?
5. What can cause a child's temperament to become very sensitive?