

Lesson 4: Hitting May Lead to Abuse



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Abuse - bad or cruel treatment of a person or animal, or the use of something in an unsuitable or wrong way.</p>	<p><i>The rescued dogs had been victims of physical abuse.</i></p>
<p>Naughty - (esp. of children) behaving badly and not being obedient, or (esp. of behavior or language) not socially acceptable.</p>	<p><i>she is a naughty girl</i></p>
<p>Monster - a person who does very cruel and evil acts.</p>	<p><i>To the whole world, he was a monster.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

Stop it!

Gem: Hey! What are you doing?

Grace: I'm just punishing my child for being so naughty!

Gem: No! Stop that! You're abusing your child!

Grace: What abuse are you talking about, Gem?

Gem: Can't you see it? You hit your child everyday! And it's become very serious abuse.

Grace: You don't have the right to lecture me, Gem! I know what I'm doing.

Gem: No, you don't, Grace! The person you're abusing is my nephew and it hurts me seeing him suffering at such a young. Grace! Nick is only 6 years old.

Grace: Shut up about this, Gem, or I'll have to throw you out of my house!

Gem: What's wrong with you, Grace? You were given a child to raise and love, not to abuse!

Grace: So what do you like me to do? This child has gotten on my nerves!

Gem: You can just talk to him. Nick surely will listen as long as you don't hit him. He is still very young and everything to him seems like a game.

Grace: You're just like dad; always making assigning blame to others.

Gem: It's not like that. I can't see anything good about how you treat your child. You'll end up raising a monster if you continue that.

Grace: I understand what you are saying and I will think about it.

Gem: Hopefully I won't see you doing this again, Grace. Love your son the

way dad and mom loves us.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is abuse?

- a. the use of something in an unsuitable or wrong way
- b. the use of something in a proper and just way
- c. the refusal to cease an activity once asked to do so

2. What is naughty?

- a. acting in a humorous manner
- b. behaving badly and not being obedient
- c. the act of harming others for one's personal enjoyment

3. What is a monster?

- a. animals that have not yet been discovered or classified
- b. any subject which a person holds disdain for
- c. a person who does very cruel and evil acts