

Lesson 4: A Clash in Parenting Styles



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Clash - to fight or disagree.</p>	<p><i>The president and Congress clashed again over the budget.</i></p>
<p>Confiscate - to officially take private property away from someone, usually by legal authority.</p>	<p><i>Customs agents confiscated her bags.</i></p>
<p>Mobile Phone - a phone which is connected to the phone system by radio instead of by a wire, and can be used anywhere that signals can be received.</p>	<p><i>The company sells ringtones, games and screen savers to mobile phone users.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

Give me back my mobile phone

Dad: Hey! Why are you two shouting at each other?

Mom: This girl is so hard headed!

Dad: Why? What happened, Kate?

Kate: Oh, dad. Mommy is trying to confiscate my mobile phone for no reason.

Mom: What do you mean for no reason? Do you want me to tell your dad about what you've been up to?

Dad: Ok, Carmen. What's with Kate?

Kate: Go ahead mom! Tell daddy about it!

Mom: Well, her grades are going down because she's busy now texting and talking to someone over her phone. I am sure it's a boy!

Kate: Mom, even if that's true, what's wrong with that?

Mom: Kate, the problem is that you aren't focusing on your studying anymore.

Kate: Mom, I can handle myself and do the things that I need to do. So please...

Mom: Please what?

Dad: Ok, that's enough. Kate you have 3 days to figure out how to balance your time better or you will lose your phone privileges.

Kate: But dad...

Mom: Kate, enough already. Just listen to us.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What does it mean to clash?
 - a. to fight or disagree
 - b. to compromise a settlement peacefully
 - c. to withdraw from someone out of anger
2. What does it mean to confiscate?
 - a. to take something from someone without authority
 - b. to buy and sell products
 - c. to officially take private property away from someone, usually by legal authority
3. What is mobile phone?
 - a. a telephone at home
 - b. a phone connected to the phone system by radio instead of by a wire
 - c. a device where you can locate a place
4. What is your parenting style in disciplining your child?
5. How are you going to convince your child to change his/her behavior?