

## Lesson 8: Spanking Doesn't Work



### Vocabulary Practice:

<p><b>Spank</b> - to hit someone, esp. a child, with the hand on the buttocks, usually as a punishment.</p>	<p><i>My parents didn't believe in spanking.</i></p>
<p><b>Act</b> - to do something for a particular purpose or in a particular way.</p>	<p><i>He acted as if he'd never seen me before.</i></p>
<p><b>Lesson</b> - a period of time during which something is taught.</p>	<p><i>Losing his job was a lesson he never forgot.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*I don't know if it will work*

(Two women saw a mother spanking her son)

**Woman 1:** Look at that woman. Do you think that it's good to spank her son?

**Woman 2:** Well, we can't do anything about it because that is how she disciplines her child.

**Woman 1:** But don't you think that spanking ones' child isn't good at all?

**Woman 2:** Yeah, it's a bad act.

**Jon:** Mommy, I will not do it again. I promise not to disobey again.

**Mom:** You have to learn your lesson!

**Jon:** But I didn't mean to do that mom. I swear I didn't.

**Mom:** (spanking) You liar! I saw what you did to that poor girl at school.

**Jon:** She started it, I was just standing up for myself.

**Mom:** You know that it is bad to hurt other people. Don't forget it!

(conversation between the women)

**Woman 1:** I don't think what she's doing now will help.

**Woman 2:** But it's her way to teach her child.

**Woman 1:** Oh! I could never do that though.

**Woman 2:** Yes, I agree with you.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What is does it mean to spank?

- a. to punish someone by forcing someone to sit alone
- b. to hurt someone
- c. to play with others

2. What is act?

- a. to change another's behavior
- b. to be sensitive
- c. to do something for a particular purpose or in a particular way

3. What is lesson?

- a. a period of time during which something is taught
- b. a period set aside so that children can eat or play
- c. a test or examination

4. Why are children spanked when they do things wrong?

5. Is it a good idea to spank our child if he/she does something against the rules?  
Why or why not?