

## Exercise #1.2

Describe what you would do if your child behaved like each child in the following examples.

1. Mike, your 11 year old son, is 30 minutes late coming home from his friend's house. When you tell him you've been worried and feel it's important for him to be home on time, he yells, "I'll stay out as long as I damn well please!" Then he storms off to his room.

*What would you do?*

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2. Bridget, your 11 year old daughter, received detention in school for throwing a pencil at a fellow student and arguing with her teacher.

*What would you do?*

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3. Pat is active for a 6 year old boy and frequently climbs on furniture, despite being told not to. You're on the phone when you hear him jumping off the coffee table and onto the couch. Suddenly you hear a crash in the living room.

*What would you do?*

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4. Bobbie, age 4, knows how to get her way—especially at dinner. She throws her food and screams whenever anyone tried to talk with someone other than her. She just threw her mashed potatoes into the middle of the table, spilling some of the dinner drinks.

*What would you do?*

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