

A child may be yelling, hitting, arguing, throwing objects, or threatening you. This is when you need to use Intensive Teaching.

When to use Intensive Teaching:

- **The “Third Strike” Rule**—At the first sign of any negative behavior, you should always begin with Corrective Teaching. If the negative behavior continues, you still respond with Corrective Teaching. If the behavior continues after the “third strike,” you should handle the behavior with Intensive Teaching.
- **Sudden or Severe Behaviors**—Any time your child engages in sudden outbursts or behaviors that could be considered severe or dangerous, you should use Intensive Teaching.
- **Past History**—If your child has a history of acting out in response to specific situations or people, it is wise to use Intensive Teaching as soon as you see problem behaviors occur.

Exercise #9.1

Are you getting into power struggles? Write down your response to each of these statements:

1. “I don’t have to do what you tell me to do!”

2. “You are the biggest bitch! Why are you always nagging me?”

3. “I am just going to scream until you let me go outside and play!”
