

## HOWTO WIN WITH PARENTS - Page 2

Ashley: "Well, I thought you'd be a little open-minded about it. But you're not. You treat me like a baby! You never listen to me..." \* 6

Mother: "You're certainly acting like a baby right this minute."

Ashley: "I am not! I am not!" \* 7

Mother: "Ashley, I'm warning you! Stop it right now!"

Ashley: "You never understand, you don't even try to understand. All you do is say "No, No, No!" \* 8

Mother: "Ashley, stop it! **Just stop it!**

Ashley: "I **won't** stop it! You **never** listen! You **never** care..." \* 9  
*Ashley exits in a flood of tears.*

Identify the mistakes that were made in the appropriate space below:

Mistake 1	
Mistake 2	
Mistake 3	
Mistake 4	
Mistake 5	
Mistake 6	
Mistake 7	
Mistake 8	
Mistake 9	

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TEACHER KEY**

Mistake 1	Don't bring up a problem when parents are busy.
Mistake 2	When a favor is wanted, ask for it--don't tell.
Mistake 3	Stick to only one problem at a time. Do not bring up past problems. This becomes too overwhelming to parents.
Mistake 4	Never say, "All my friends!" This makes parents angry. Another hint is to not ask for things in front of friends.
Mistake 5	Always ask parents before making plans. They like to feel as if they are in control. It is unfair to both parents and friends when you don't ask permission first.
Mistake 6	Do not be sarcastic. Parents will respond as a parent when sarcasm is used.
Mistake 7	Shouting is seldom convincing and only leads to accelerated confrontation.
Mistake 8	It is hard to carry on a meaningful conversation when composure is lost.
Mistake 9	Inaccurate accusations never help. They only create a larger gap.



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UNIT II: Teenagers and Families TOPIC B: Teens and Parents

Student Activity Guide: 3.c-2

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**Directions:** Read the following scenerio below. When a mistake is indicated by a star and a number, state what error was made in the appropriate spot following the conversation.

Ashley: "Mom, guess what? Tyson called me and asked me what color dress I'm wearing to the dance on Saturday. That means he is going to buy flowers!"

Mother: "That's wonderful, Joan. Where are you going?"

Ashley: "Well, first we're going to..."

Mother: "Oh, would you turn that oven down to 300?" \* 1

Ashley: "Sure. First we're going to the dance at school and then all the kids are going back to Al Miller's house for pizza and Coke."

Mother: "But **Joan**, you **know** you have to be home at 12:30!"

Ashley: "That's what I wanted to tell you. I can't be home at 12:30." \* 2

Mother: "Ashley, your curfew has been 12:30 for the past year. Here, drain these beans while you're standing there."

Ashley: "They're all going. I didn't think you'd mind just this once. Besides, I'm fifteen already and all my friends have a later curfew. I think it's time I had one too!" \* 3

Mother: "Well, I **do** mind. Your curfew is 12:30 and that's when you'll be home!"

Ashley: "But Mom, absolutely **all** my friends..." \* 4

Mother: "I don't care about your friends. I care about you!"

Ashley: "But I already told Tyson I could go." \* 5

Mother: "Then you can go **un** tell Tyson. What do you mean by saying OK before speaking to me? Hand me that salad bowl!!!"