

Exercise 6-4: Identifying Consequences

INSTRUCTIONS: Read each situation and then put an *N* in front of responses that are a "natural consequence," and an *L* before those that are "logical consequences."

Situation 1

Your daughter's room is so messy that you cannot walk anywhere without stepping on something.

- ___ a. "When the room is this messy, toys get broken because they get stepped on."
- ___ b. "When toys are left on the floor overnight, they 'disappear' for several days."
- ___ c. "When toys are left on the floor, they cannot be found when they are wanted."
- ___ d. "When the floor is so messy, Mom and Dad will not come in, even if they are called."

Situation 2

Your son dawdles with his dressing each morning so that he is not ready to go to nursery school when you leave.

- ___ a. "If you are not dressed by 8:00, you will have to go to nursery school in your pajamas."
- ___ b. "If you are not in your clothes, you will need to ride in the back seat so you can have more room to put on your shoes and socks while we drive." (Child prefers the front seat.)
- ___ c. "If you are not dressed in time, you will miss breakfast."

Situation 3

Your son has a pair of walkie-talkies. He keeps bending the antennas back and forth. You cannot afford to buy another pair if the antennas break.

- ___ a. "If the antennas get bent again, it will have to rest on the shelf for a day."
- ___ b. "If the antennas get bent enough, they will break off."

ANSWERS:

Situation 1: a-N, b-L, c-N, d-L

Situation 2: a-N, b-L, c-N

Situation 3: a-L, b-N