

Exercise 6-5: Making Effective Consequences

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the situations and responses below. Each response has an error that makes it less effective as a consequence.

A. Identify the error.

B. Write a more effective consequence. (Possible answers on page 87.)

1. Situation: Alan will not return Brian's truck when it is time for Brian to go home.

Response: "Alan, give Brian his truck, or he will never come back again."

Error: _____

Consequence: _____

2. Situation: Eric is about to hit his little sister.

Response: "Play gently with your sister, or no *Sesame Street* this afternoon."

Error: _____

Consequence: _____

3. Situation: Mother is picking Mark up from daycare and he has ignored her request to go.

Response: "You can come now, or I'll leave without you."

Error: _____

Consequence: _____

4. Situation: Keith is pulling on the tablecloth at dinner.

Response: "Do you want to let go of the tablecloth, or shall I spank your hand?"

Error: _____

Consequence: _____

5. Situation: Kitty is resisting getting into her bed.

Response: "Get into bed, or no story tonight."

Error: _____

Consequence: _____