
Exercise 4-1: Recognizing Types of Attention

INSTRUCTIONS: Before each situation below, indicate if the attention given was positive (+) or negative (-), and if it was conditional (c) or unconditional (u).

+/- or c/u

- ___ ___ 1. To girl in a new dress: "Wow, you look nice in that dress."
- ___ ___ 2. Response to child who has requested help: "What do you want now, dummy?"
- ___ ___ 3. To child approaching the TV set: "If you touch the TV knobs again, I won't like you any more."
- ___ ___ 4. To child while you are taking a walk: "I like you."
- ___ ___ 5. To child hanging up his coat: "That's nice."
- ___ ___ 6. To child who has just broken the large vase: "You're a bad boy. A bad, bad boy."
- ___ ___ 7. To child in bed: "Good night and sweet dreams."
- ___ ___ 8. To child about to pour milk on the floor: "Mommy will be mad at you if you dump your milk on the floor."
- ___ ___ 9. To child who has dumped all the toys (blocks, books, and puzzles) on the floor and won't help clean them up: "You're so much trouble, I wish you weren't born."
- ___ ___ 10. To child who climbs on Daddy's lap with a book: "I'm glad you're my boy."
- ___ ___ 11. To child approaching a younger baby: "If you hit him again, I will know you're a bad boy."
- ___ ___ 12. To child struggling with clothes: "I'm glad you are putting your pants on by yourself."

ANSWERS:

- | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1. +c | 3. -c | 5. +c | 7. +u | 9. -u | 11. -c |
| 2. -u | 4. +u | 6. -u | 8. -c | 10. +u | 12. +c |