



# Bricks **Reading**





## Getting Along with Your Parents

### UNIT 01

Theme: Family Relationships  
Genre: Nonfiction  
Reading Skill: Finding Solutions

Some of you think your parents never understand you. Have you ever tried to understand your parents? You should have a real talk with them first.



🗨️ **Talk about the picture above.**

1. What do you think they are doing?
2. What do you do when you have a problem with your parents?



## Getting Along with Your Parents



Dr. Alvin Jones

“My parents are so controlling!” Have you ever said this? Many children do. My column today is about getting along with your parents. Children frequently have conflicts with their parents. So I will give you some useful advice today.

I will give you an example of a typical case. Ben wrote a letter asking for help: “My parents want me to become a lawyer when I grow up. But I want to be a soccer player. How can I **persuade** my parents to let me follow my dream?” I advised

him to tell his parents about how **passionate** he is about soccer. Ben told me a week later that his parents were moved by his honesty. He is now going to be a soccer player.

As in Ben’s case, here are some ideas to **resolve** problems with your parents: There are a few steps



**persuade** *v.*  
to try to make someone believe something

**passionate** *adj.*  
showing strong feelings or love for something

**resolve** *v.*  
to find a solution to

**aspire** *v.*  
to set your hopes on doing something

to follow. First, be frank with your parents. Tell them what you really **aspire**. Next, be a good listener. **Pay close attention to** your parents, just as you want them to listen to you. Finally, you can be respectful to your parents. To show respect, **honor** your parents' viewpoints.

Your parents want to help you **get ahead** in life. The best way to **appreciate** what they are trying to do is to understand this fact. Sometimes you may think parents are being unfair. But they love and want you to do well.

If you follow my steps, you will get along with your parents. A little effort will help resolve your differences.

📶 Visit the websites for more information!

<http://www.cyh.com/SubDefault.aspx?p=255>

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/>



**pay attention to** *phrasal v.*  
to listen carefully to

**honor** *v.*  
to look and think upon someone with great respect

**get ahead** *phrasal v.*  
to be more successful than other people

**appreciate** *v.*  
to know the worth of something

## Vocabulary Check Up

**A. Meaning** Write the correct words from the box, using the given meanings as clues.

- \_\_\_\_\_ : to listen carefully to
- \_\_\_\_\_ : to know the worth of something
- \_\_\_\_\_ : to set your hopes on doing something
- \_\_\_\_\_ : to be more successful than other people

aspire  
get ahead  
appreciate  
pay attention to  
resolve

**B. Usage** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ me to listen to my parents.  
a. persuaded                      b. involved                      c. recognized
- Teachers always tell us that we should \_\_\_\_\_ older people.  
a. honor                              b. disrespect                      c. accept
- My sister is a \_\_\_\_\_ cellist. She always practices her cello.  
a. false                              b. passionate                      c. selfish
- This is an important problem and we have to \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
a. choose                              b. learn                              c. resolve

**C. Focus: a few/a little** Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

- There are **a few** steps to follow.
- **A little** effort will help resolve your differences.

- It rains for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks in the summer.
- Let's take \_\_\_\_\_ break before we start up again.



## Comprehension Check Up

**A. Main Idea** Choose the main idea of the passage.

- a. The importance of being honest
- b. How to resolve conflicts with your parents
- c. The problems of controlling children

**B. Finding the Facts** Check T(True) or F(False).

- 1. Dr. Jones talks about getting along with your friends.
- 2. Ben wants to be a soccer player.
- 3. Ben's parents want him to become a lawyer.

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**C. Understanding of the Passage** Choose the correct answers.

- 1. What was Ben's problem?
  - a. He didn't know what he liked.
  - b. His parents had a different dream for him.
  - c. His parents weren't interested in him.
- 2. What did Dr. Jones advise Ben to do?
  - a. Explain the importance of having a dream.
  - b. Follow what his parents want him to do.
  - c. Show his parents his passion about soccer.
- 3. What is NOT an idea that Dr. Jones suggests?
  - a. Be honest with your parents.
  - b. Draw more attention to your parents.
  - c. Respect your parents.
- 4. What is the best way to appreciate what your parents do for you?
  - a. Tell them that they are unfair.
  - b. Understand that they want to help you get ahead in life.
  - c. Follow whatever they say.

**D. Inference** What can be inferred from the passage?

- a. Dr. Jones thinks that parents are always right.
- b. It is hard to understand your parents.
- c. Ben's parents now support his dream.

### Sum Up

**Step 1. Finding Solutions** How did Ben resolve the problem with his parents? Choose the correct answer for each blank.

Problem	Ben's parents want him to be a lawyer, but he wants to become _____.
Dr. Jones' Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell your parents _____.</li> <li>• Listen and _____ your parents.</li> <li>• _____ viewpoints.</li> <li>• _____ your parents are trying to do.</li> </ul>
How Ben resolved	• Ben told his parents about _____ about soccer.

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| a. Honor your parents'    | b. a soccer player       |
| c. what you aspire        | d. Appreciate what       |
| e. pay close attention to | f. how passionate he was |

**Step 2. Summarizing** Complete the summary with the words in step 1. Change each form if necessary.

One day, Ben wrote to Dr. Jones about the problem he had with his parents. He said he wanted to be a soccer player, but his parents want him to be a \_\_\_\_\_. Dr. Jones advised him to tell them how \_\_\_\_\_ he was about \_\_\_\_\_. And it worked! Here are some ideas to resolve problems with your parents: First, tell them what you \_\_\_\_\_. Next, listen and pay close \_\_\_\_\_ to them. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_ your parents' viewpoints. They want to help you get ahead in life. The best way to \_\_\_\_\_ what they are trying to do is to understand this fact.

#### Free to Talk

🗣️ If you were Dr. Jones, what would you say to Ben? 🗣️

# 오늘의 숙제

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숙제채널로 보내주세요

★ 녹음 숙제 (Story Recording )

Unit 1 스토리의 오디오를 듣고 큰소리로 읽고 녹음하여  
렛미톡 카카오톡 숙제채널로 보내주세요

