

Lesson 19

I Don't Understand

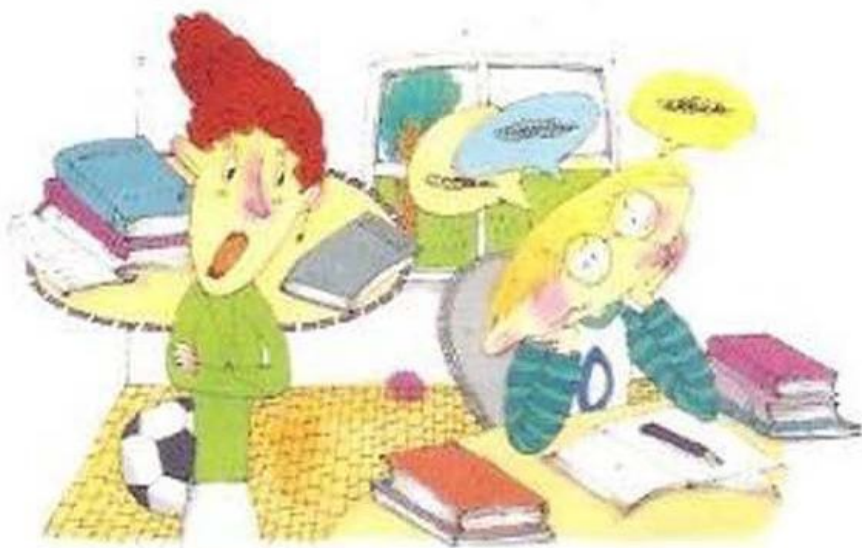
1. Mom forces me to study all the time. I know that doing well in school is important, but I don't want to be a "studying machine." I want to play with my friends more. I think it's normal for kids to play. But my mother tells me to "play with books" instead and says that someday I'll understand why it's so important.

Q1. Do you understand his mom's point of view?

Can you explain it?

Q2. Why is it important to play?

Q3. Why is it important to study?



2. Dad is always busy. He comes home late almost every night, and sometimes he works on weekends. Once in a while he has to leave town for days on end. He never has any time to spend with me. He says his job keeps him busy. But I don't understand why his job is more important than I am.

Q1. Do you think adults are really busy? Or are they just making excuses?

Q2. Which do you think is more important for adults, keeping busy with work or finding time to play with their kids.

Q3. Do your parents spend enough time being with you?





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3. My mom and sister are very sensitive about their weight. They stand on the scales almost every day and diet constantly. Sometimes they skip meals altogether. But they are not overweight and they don't have any health problems. I just don't understand why they worry so much about being fat.

Q1. Is your mom worried about her weight?

Q2. How about you?

Q3. Is your father of average weight?

Q4. Who do you think is more sensitive about their weight, men or women? Why?



4. Even though there are many rich people, others live from hand to mouth. If the rich helped the poor, would we all live comfortably? But this kind of society has never existed.

Q1. Do you know why?

Q2. Would you help the poor if you had a lot of money?

Q3. Have you ever helped strangers in trouble? How?

Q4. Should we criticize rich people who do not help the poor? Why or why not?



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5. Wars are as old as history. Every day, maybe every second, someone is dying or getting wounded in some kind of attack. But nobody wins; most people lose — they lose their material possessions or they lose their own lives or the lives of their loved ones. Why can't we live in a world without wars?

- Q1. Why can't people settle their disputes peacefully?
- Q2. What are the main reasons for war?
- Q3. Are there any ways to stop wars forever?





