

# PART I

## IN NEED OF ADVICE



■ LISTEN AND READ.

# 15

## Lesson fifteen

Fifteenth(15th)  
Lesson

Dear counselor:

Three years ago I sold my home in California and moved to Rhode Island to be with my son. His wife suddenly left him and their two little girls, who were 10 and 14.

Three months after I arrived, my son was stricken with a heart attack and died. His wife came to the funeral and we had a talk about the girls. She said that she was not able to take care of them and that I could do whatever I wished as long as I didn't let them become wards of the state. I decided to move back to California and take the girls with me.

I have raised seven children, including two sets of twins. I still have a 31-year old handicapped daughter at home. My little grand-daughters are lovely. I can't understand why their mother refuses to make an effort to keep them with her.

Nearly every week she writes telling them how much she loves them. This really burns me up. The woman has made no effort whatsoever to support them. The entire burden has been on me.

Do you feel that I should allow this derelict mother to continue writing these letters? Please advise.

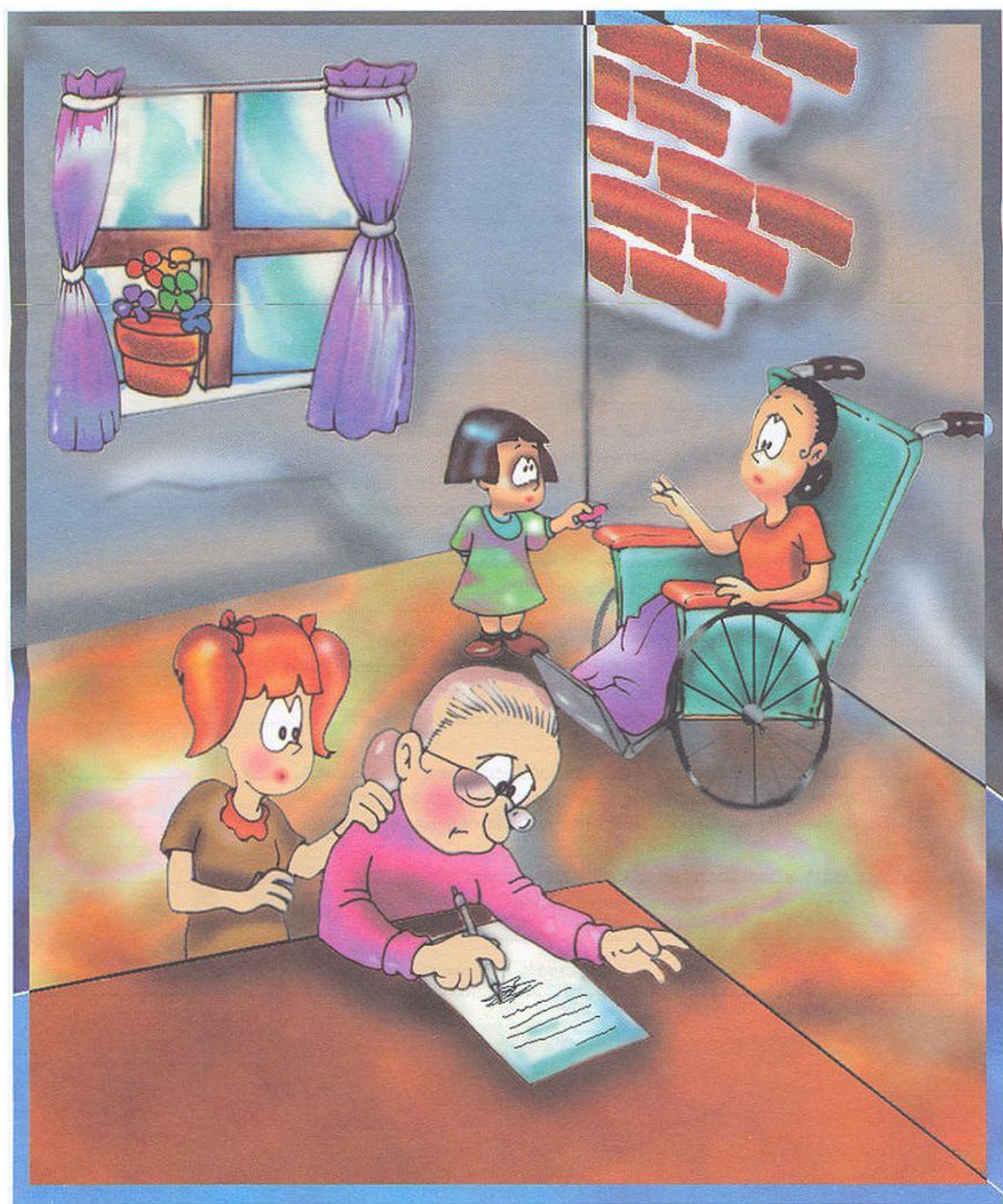
*Resentful mother-in-law.*

**Dear Resentful:**

Your granddaughters need all the love they can get. Even though their mother abandoned them, she may still care deeply. Please find it in your heart to forgive the woman and allow her to maintain this bridge. Bridges are far better than walls.









■ ANSWER:



1) When did the lady sell her house in California?

2) Why did she move to live with her son and two granddaughters?

3) What happened three months after her arrival?

4) Why did the mother-in-law agree to keep the girls with her?

5) Did she resent having to take care of her granddaughters?

6) What did she complain about?

7) What was the counselor's advice?

8) Would you forgive the woman?

Give reasons to support your answer.



*A year passed. The girls' mother came back and said she was ready to take them to live with her for good. Her mother-in-law couldn't help remembering the woman had abandoned her daughters without giving any acceptable reason.*

■ WHAT DO YOU THINK "RESENTFUL" SHOULD DO? TAKE A STAND.



1) Blame her for it and not let her have the girls back?

2) Forgive and let her have the girls back?

3) Forgive her and not let her have the girls back?

4) Let the girls decide whether they're willing to go back to their mother or stay with their grandmother?

5) Other:



## PART II



### DIALOGUE

# HELP ME MAKE UP MY MIND



Susan Black has been working in a travel agency where she has gained a lot of experience in dealing with people and in helping them to solve problems related to their traveling plans. She has also been learning Spanish and improving her German. Now she thinks she is ready to start a new career as a flight attendant. Though she has made up her mind, she asked some relatives and friends. They all had different points of view about her decision.

#### HER MOTHER

**SUSAN:** Mom, what would you think if I told you I intend to get a job as a flight attendant?

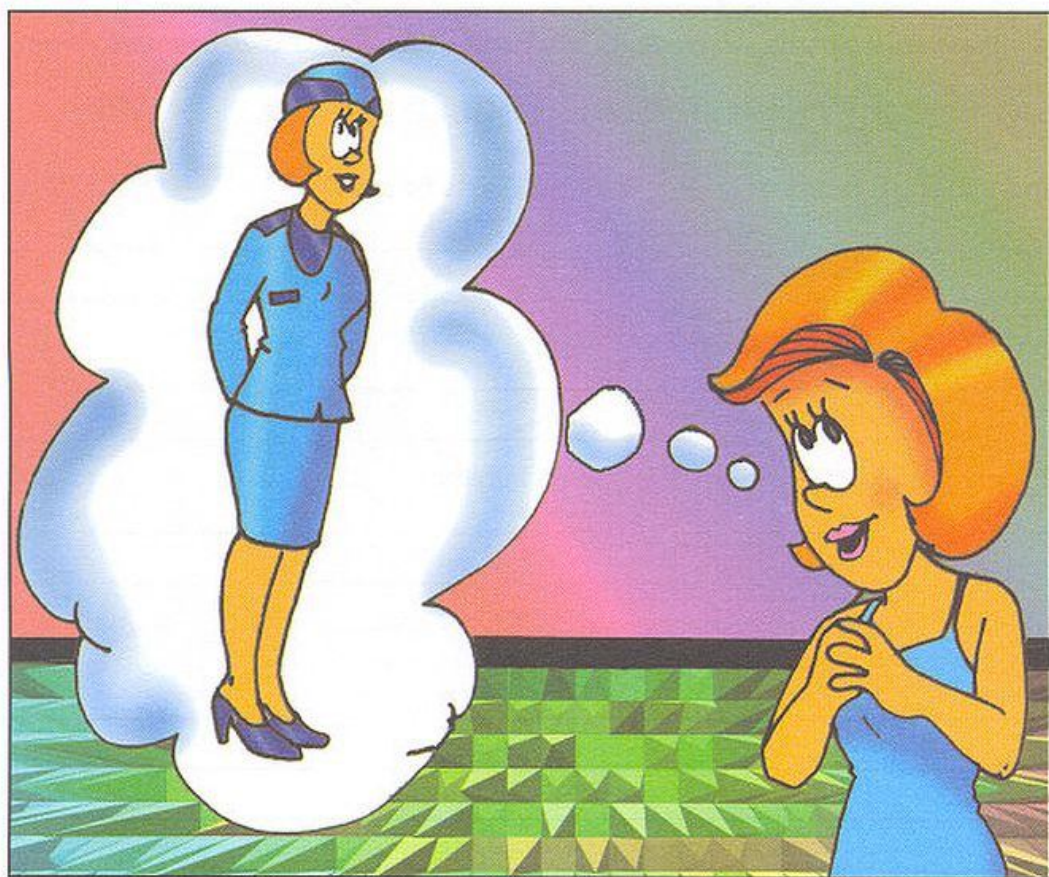
**HER MOTHER:** Well, if I were you, I would.

**SUSAN:** Oh, Mom, you're not kidding, are you?

**HER MOTHER:** No, I'm not. Look, I've been married since I was nineteen, and what have I done with my life? All the time doing the same old things, cooking, cleaning and running errands.

**SUSAN:** But you've visited many countries.

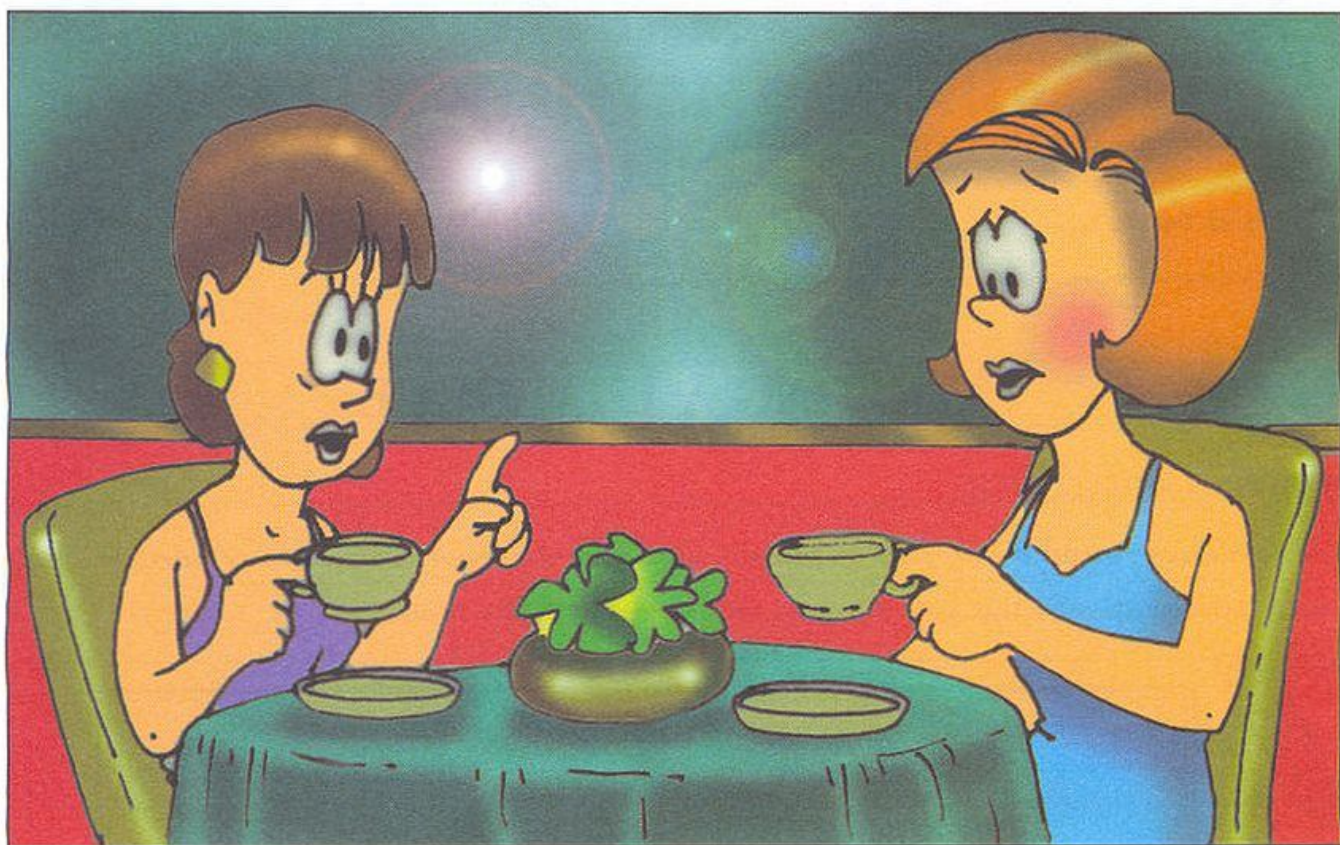
**HER MOTHER:** It's different. I had to travel with the family. Have a good time while you can.





## HER AUNT

- AUNT:** Susie, I heard you were looking for a job with an airline... as a flight attendant.
- SUSAN:** I was about to tell you about it. I need your opinion.
- AUNT:** I think it's a good idea. You'll certainly see quite a large part of the world.
- SUSAN:** Would you say this is the right time for me to do it?
- AUNT:** Well, that's the problem. Why don't you wait until you get a little more experience?
- SUSAN:** All right. I'll think it over.



## HER BEST FRIEND

- SUSAN:** Barbara, I know you worked as a flight attendant three years ago.
- BARBARA:** Yes, but fortunately I gave it up.
- SUSAN:** Why fortunately?
- BARBARA:** Well, you know... everybody thinks it's a glamorous life, but as a matter of fact, I was a flying waitress and nursemaid.
- SUSAN:** Are you serious?
- BARBARA:** I couldn't be more serious. It's not the sort of job I would like for my daughter.
- SUSAN:** Oh, no!

## PART II

### FUNCTION: GIVING ADVICE

ADVICE	RESPOND
a) Have you ever thought about...(ing)	a) Yes, I have but...
b) Why don't you...	b) Would you? Why?
c) It might be a good idea to...	c) Why do you say that?
d) It seems to me that you should...	d) Really? Why?
e) You'd better...	e) Do you really think so?

### WRITING A DIALOGUE

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*A gardener found a bag full of money while he was working in your garden.*

Give advice about what you think he should do with the money.





# vocabulary

■ WRITE SENTENCES IN THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING VERBS:

**SELL, LEAVE, STRIKE, DECIDE, REFUSE,  
ALLOW, INTEND, MARRY,  
THINK, FLY**

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