

Application Activity 3

Parenting Styles

Directions: Read each situation in the first column and the parental response in the second column. Then write in the third column the parenting style (authoritarian, democratic/authoritative, permissive, or uninvolved) that best describes the parent's actions.

Situation	Parental Response	Parenting Style
1. A grandmother gives junk food to her grandchild during visits to her house.	The mother lets the child eat the junk food.	
2. A eighth grader keeps forgetting to take her homework to school.	The father helps the child establish a checklist and develop skills to be more organized.	
3. A teenager stayed overnight at a friend's house. The next day, the friend's parent calls to say that they discovered empty beer cans in the basement garbage. The friend admitted to his parents that they had each drunk two beers.	The father confronts the teen and, without any discussion, forbids him from going to his friend's house ever again.	
4. A mother is out of town on business. The father is working more than 60 hours a week in a stressful job. When he comes home, he is too tired to notice much that is going on at home. The neighbor calls to let him know that his daughter is sneaking out at night and driving off with her boyfriend.	The father, too tired to get into an argument, decides to wait until his wife comes home, since she will know what to do.	
5. A first grader has developed a friendship with a boy at school who is often disrespectful. The first grader gets mad during dinner one night and calls his mother a bad name.	The mother washes the boy's mouth out with soap.	
6. A ninth grader has to get up one hour earlier this year to get to high school. The first few days of the new school year his mother has had to repeatedly call for him to wake up.	The mother tells her son at breakfast that they will meet that evening to discuss how he can take more responsibility for getting up in the morning.	

Drawing Conclusions

Directions: Answer the following question in the space provided.

7. If you were in trouble, which type of parent would you prefer to have? Why?
