

To what extent should parents get involved in their children's lives? *(correction)*

The relationship between parents and their sons or daughters is often complicated because teenagers want freedom that parents are not ready to give yet. They don't like it when decisions are made for them or when they feel their guardians are too nosy when it comes to their personal lives. So, to what extent should parents really get involved in their children's lives? To answer this question, we are first going to see when this involvement is profitable and then when it could be objectionable.

To begin with, when children are really young it seems that parents cannot but get involved. It's difficult to imagine a baby choosing their own clothes or going out on their own.

Sometimes teenagers are reckless and irresponsible. They cannot make a difference between what is right or wrong. They want to test things out and they get into trouble; in this case, they need their guardian to act as a guide, and lead them onto the right path. For example if their son becomes a drug-addict, it is normal for parents to do every thing in their power to help their child get cured. It's a matter of health.

This intervention is called education; it is common sense for parents to want the best for their child and a good education at home and at school is a key to make dreams come true and, for some, to work themselves out of poverty.

However, this question of education is rather tricky because parents have to find the right balance between wanting the best and putting too much pressure on their child so that they become the best.

Indeed, when children grow up and parents do not want to let go of their influence, it might create some tension between them. It is extremely important for parents to respect the independence of their children and allow them to call their own shots. The parents' role is that of a protector, an adviser, a counselor, a listener and a supporter. This is my definition for the word parent or educator. They are crucial to the full adult development of their children.

Nevertheless they should not take part in the decision making of their children. For instance, they should not decide upon their future studies. I would have hated it if my parents had told me what I should study or what I should become later in life. It's a choice I have to make on my own.

To say it in a nutshell and as far as I am concerned, parents should get involved in their children's lives as long as they don't intrude for no obvious reason. They should always explain to their children why they are acting this way. It's the key to a peaceful child-parent relationship.

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Correction

- 1- Determine the main idea(s) from each paragraph. Identify the arguments (rephrase them simply) and the associated examples.
- 2- Put the paragraphs in the correct order to build the essay (§ #)
- 3- Highlight all the link words both in the text and in your link words worksheet.
- 4- Underline the useful vocabulary that you could use for future essays (start a list).

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