

## Zero Conditional Practice- Advice for Parents

Complete one of the sentences below with a positive or negative imperative (“don’t...”), a modal such as “(really) should”, “can”, “could (possibly)”, “have to” or “don’t have to”, or a statement about the possible (positive or negative) consequences to make what you think is a true statement about children and parents. Does your partner agree with your statement? If so, can they add any similar advice? If not, can they make similar but better advice?

### Useful phrases for responding to your partner’s advice

“I (totally) agree.”

“That may be a true/ good idea, but I would say...”

“I’m not sure I’d say that. How about...?”

“I think that’s a bit too strong. I’d change it to...”

- If a boy rarely sees his father,...
- If your child doesn't seem to want to talk about their day at school,...
- If a child starts dreaming about computer games,...
- If a child occasionally has fights with other children at school,...
- If a child often has grazed knees and elbows,...
- If a child spends a lot of time with technology,...
- If children don't have brothers and sisters,...
- If children get lots of colds and other minor illnesses when they are young,...
- If children go to single-sex schools,...
- If children study English from when they are really young then stop,...
- If one parent always speaks a second language such as English to their child,...
- If parents are always really strict with their children,...
- If parents don't push their children to succeed,...
- If parents force reluctant children to learn a musical instrument,...
- If parents keep their houses really really clean,...
- If parents pay children to do household chores,...
- If parents resist buying their children all the latest things,...
- If parents stop children from eating sweet things,...
- If parents who often argue get divorced,...

*Find advice below which you agree with or disagree with. Does your partner have the same opinion? Can you change the advice to make it better?*

- If a boy rarely sees his father, he has problems growing up to be a man.
- If your child doesn't seem to want to talk about their day at school, don't force it, just wait until they are ready to talk.
- If a child starts dreaming about computer games, the parents should force them to stop for a week or two.
- If a child occasionally has fights with other children at school, that is nothing to worry about.
- If a child often has scratched knees and elbows, that is just a normal part of growing up.
- If a child spends a lot of time with technology, that gives them the skills they will need in their adult life.
- If children don't have brothers and sisters, they become selfish.
- If children get lots of colds and other minor illnesses when they are young, they get sick less often when they grow up.
- If children go to single-sex schools, they never learn how to communicate properly with the other sex.
- If children study English from when they are really young then stop, they totally forget everything that they learnt.
- If one parent always speaks a second language such as English to their child, that parent is often unable to form a normal relationship with their child.
- If parents are always really strict with their children, they grow up thinking that their parents don't love them.
- If parents don't push their children to succeed, the children regret that when they grow up.
- If parents force reluctant children to learn a musical instrument, the children are usually thankful for that when they grow up.
- If parents keep their houses really really clean, their children more easily get sick when they go out and mix with other kids.

- If parents pay children to do household chores, the children learn the value of hard work and money.
- If parents resist buying their children all the latest things, the children can't fit in with their peers.
- If parents stop children from eating sweet things, they just become even more interested in unhealthy food.
- If parents who often argue get divorced, it is sometimes better for the children.

*Discuss any statements above which you disagreed with as a class.*

*What forms go after the comma above?*

*Find an example of each of these:*

- Imperative
- Negative imperative
- Modal verb
- Present Simple