

PARENT'S ATTRIBUTIONS FOR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR MEASURE

This questionnaire contains six situations that involve different ways that children can behave. You are asked to imagine your child performing each behaviour in each situation. Please complete the questionnaire by reading all of the six situations, and then circling a number on each scale for all the four statements following each situation that indicates how much you strongly disagree or agree with each statement.

SITUATION 1.

Imagine your child is playing with his/her friend in the next room and you think you hear them fighting. You ask your child what's going on, but there is no reply. You go into the room to check, and at that moment your child hits their friend.

The rating scale is as follows:

- 1 Disagree strongly
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Disagree somewhat
- 4 Agree somewhat
- 5 Agree
- 6 Agree strongly

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| 1. My child's behaviour is due to something about my child; for example, because that's the way he/she is. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2. My child intended to behave this way on purpose. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 3. The reason my child behaved this way is unlikely to change. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4. My child deserves to be blamed for their behaviour. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

SITUATION 2.

Imagine shortly after you punish your child, you tell them to play quietly with their toys. Very soon after this instruction your child stands up, looks you in the eye, throws a toy at an expensive ornament and breaks it, and then runs away.

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2. My child intended to behave this way on purpose. | 2 3 4 5 6
3. The reason my child behaved this way is unlikely to change | 2 3 4 5 6
4. My child deserves to be blamed for their behaviour. | 2 3 4 5 6

SITUATION 3.

Imagine after being told to come inside twice, your child responds angrily 'No, I'm not coming, I don't have to'.

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2. My child intended to behave this way on purpose. | 2 3 4 5 6
3. The reason my child behaved this way is unlikely to change. | 2 3 4 5 6
4. My child deserves to be blamed for their behaviour. | 2 3 4 5 6

SITUATION 4.

Imagine you are in the supermarket and your child asks you for a ride on the merry-go-round. You say 'No, I have not got any money for rides today'. Your child reacts by hitting you.

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2. My child intended to behave this way on purpose. | 2 3 4 5 6
3. The reason my child behaved this way is unlikely to change. | 2 3 4 5 6
4. My child deserves to be blamed for their behaviour. | 2 3 4 5 6

SITUATION 5.

Imagine your child is playing outside with a friend, you call out to your child to come inside but he/she doesn't respond.

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2. My child intended to behave this way on purpose. 1 2 3 4 5 6
3. The reason my child behaved this way is unlikely to change. 1 2 3 4 5 6
4. My child deserves to be blamed for their behaviour. 1 2 3 4 5 6

SITUATION 6.

Imagine you leave your child and his/her friend in the next room to play for a while. After a few minutes you decide to check and see how things are going with the kids. At that moment you see your child throw a toy which breaks an expensive ornament.

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