

Behavior Labeling

If an adult is reinforced for behaving appropriately we call it *recognition*.

If a child is reinforced for behaving appropriately we call it *bribery*.

If an adult laughs we call it *socializing*.

If a child laughs we call it *misbehaving*.

If an adult writes in a book we call it *doodling*.

If a child writes in a book we call it *destroying property*.

If an adult sticks to something we call it perseverance.

If a child sticks to something we call it stubbornness.

If an adult seeks help we call it *consulting*.

If a child seeks help we call it *whining*.

If an adult is not paying attention we call it *preoccupation*.

If a child is not paying attention we call it *distractibility*.

If an adult forgets something we call it *absentmindedness*.

If a child forgets something we call it *attention deficit*.

If an adult tells his side of a story we call it *clarification*.

If a child tells his side of a story we call it *talking back*.

If an adult raises his voice in anger we call it *maintaining control*.

If a child raises his voice in anger we call it a *temper tantrum*.

If an adult hits a child we call it *discipline*.

If a child hits a child we call it *fighting*.

If an adult behaves in an unusual way we call him *unique*.

If a child behaves in an unusual way we refer him for a *psychological evaluation*.

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