



Parenting Styles Self-Quiz

Name: _____

Class Period: _____

1. Your mother-in-law feeds junk food and sweets to your child when you visit. You...
 - a. Let your child eat it.
 - b. Intervene and tell your mother-in-law "No way!"
 - c. Allow sweets for dessert only.
 - d. Ignore it. She should be able to do what she wants.

2. Your son wants to watch cartoons rated for 8-year-olds and older but he's only 5. You...
 - a. Let him watch the shows.
 - b. Tell him no and change the channel.
 - c. Decide to preview the shows before he does and then see if they are suitable or not.
 - d. You might not even realize what shows he was watching to begin with.

3. Your daughter has emptied your button container, scattering buttons all over the place. You...
 - a. Help her clean up.
 - b. Get mad and tell her to clean up – NOW!
 - c. Tell her to clean up and nothing else is allowed until it gets done.
 - d. Let it be. She is entertained and out of your way.

4. Your son broke your favorite vase and is lying about it, telling you the neighbor's boys did it. You...
 - a. Say it's okay but are saddened by the loss of your vase.
 - b. Punish him for both lying and breaking the vase.
 - c. Reprimand him for lying. You tell him had he said the truth – about how the vase broke – no reprimands would have been necessary.
 - d. You don't want to deal with it at this point. Maybe you'll mention it later at a more appropriate time.

5. Your daughter wants to play with the twin girls across the street. They're 14-years-old and your daughter is 9. You...
 - a. Let all the girls play together. She really enjoys them.
 - b. Forbid her from going over.
 - c. Talk to her and help her find alternate friends.
 - d. Let her play with whoever she wants to play with.

6. Your son has scratched another boy's face. You...
 - a. Let it go – it was a children's fight.
 - b. Get mad and scratch him to give him a sense of what the pain is like.
 - c. Discuss with him what happened and reprimand, to show disapproval.
 - d. Ignore it. They can figure it out on their own.

7. Your daughter forgot to do her homework...again. You...
 - a. Let it go this time. She must have been busy.
 - b. Punish her and give her extra work to do.
 - c. Help her establish a checklist and ways to remember so she won't forget anymore.
 - d. Let the teacher deal with it.

8. Your son has written all over the table, chair, and floor using wax crayons. You...
 - a. Laugh and give him a stack of papers for next time.
 - b. Get upset, wash it off yourself, and get rid of all types of crayons.
 - c. Get him to wash it off and the next art session will be closely monitored.
 - d. Turn your back on it.

9. Your daughter has problems making friends at school. You...
 - a. Have a big party and shower the children with gifts and bribes.
 - b. Think that's good; friends are problems altogether.
 - c. Have a discussion with her about what friendship is all about and enroll her in an activity where she'll make some friends.
 - d. Leave her alone. She'll figure it out someday.

10. Your daughter has a nightmare and instead of going to bed she climbs into bed with you. You...
 - a. Let her be. It's nice that she loves you and both of you will sleep the rest of the night.
 - b. Yell at her to get back into her own bed.
 - c. Get up, comfort her, and tuck her in her own bed.
 - d. Roll over and go to sleep.