

18 Handy Tips for Family Education

Tip 5: When kids talk back? (Dialogue Script)

Docudrama 1: DON'Ts	
Father:	Siu-wai, you have been playing the video game for a long time. It's your sister's turn to play.
Siu-wai:	Why do I have to let her play it? It is me who play first.
Father:	You are her elder brother. Go and play other games. You have been playing for a long time. Go, let your sister play it.
Siu-wai:	Why do I, as an elder brother, have to give way to her? I will not let her play it.
Father:	What a disobedient child you are! Why are you so naughty and always talk back to me? You must do what I say now. Are you going to ignore what I say?
Siu-wai:	I am not going to listen to you. Daddy, it is not fair!
Expert Advice	
Prof. Wong Po-choi:	Do your kids talk back? Congratulations! It is a sign of their growing up and having their own thoughts and opinions. Sometimes, they want to tell you what they think is right. Therefore, parents first have to appreciate that their kids have their own opinions, and then think about how to reason with their kids so that their kids learn to behave reasonably, and enhance their communication intelligence. Yet, if you have no idea of how to go about it, you had better get some advice first and have a plan in mind before having a talk with your kids.
Docudrama 2: DOs	
Father:	Siu-yee, why are you crying?
Siu-yee:	Dad, I want to play video game.
Father:	Siu-yee, if you want to play, you have to talk to your brother.
Siu-yee:	Siu-wai, will you please let me play the video game?
Father:	Siu-wai, your sister has asked you to let her play the video game for a while. You should answer her.
Siu-wai:	I play it first.
Father:	Siu-wai, you mean that you play it first, and shall let your sister play

a while later, don't you?

Siu-wai: Yes.

Father: Will it be better if you tell your sister you would play for 5 more minutes before letting her play?

Siu-wai: Siu-yee, I shall let you play after I play it for a further while.

Siu-yee: I want to play together with you.

Father: Siu-yee, it will be your turn when your brother finishes. Shall you go to play other games first?

Siu-wai: All right, I will play with her.

Father: You are a good boy.