

Turn Your Word Into Gold
The Art of Enforceable Statements for the Home
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Ineffective Technique

Please sit down. We're going to eat now.

Please be quiet. I can't listen to your brother when you are both talking at the same time.

Clean your room so we can go shopping.

I'm not going to play ball with you until all of you are quiet.

You can't go play until you have finished your homework.

Don't shout at me.

Pay attention.

Don't be bothering your sister.

Do your chores on time or you'll be grounded.

Don't talk to me in that tone of voice!

Stop arguing with me.

Love and Logic Technique

We will eat as soon as you are seated

I'll be glad to listen to you as soon as your brother has finished talking to me.

I'll be happy to take you shopping as soon as your room is clean.

I'll be happy to play ball with you as soon as you have finished talking.

Feel free to go play as soon as you have finished your homework.

I listen to people who do not yell at me.

I'll start again as soon as I know you are with me.

You are welcome to stay with us as long as you are not bothering your sister.

I'll be happy to let you go with your friends as soon as your chores are finished.

I'll listen as soon as your voice is as calm as mine.

I'll be glad to discuss this with you as soon as the arguing stops.

