

Mott Poll Questions



Swearing

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 6-17 years old.

Q1. How often do you hear your [x]-year-old child use swear words?

1. Frequently
2. Occasionally
3. Rarely
4. Never

Q2. What is your view about children using swear words or curse words? Pick the answer that is closest.

1. It depends on the word
2. It depends on the situation
3. Swear words are never okay
4. Swear words are no big deal

[If Q1 = 1, 2, or 3]

Q3. When you hear your [x]-year-old child swear, what is your typical response?

1. Explain why you don't like it
2. Tell them to stop
3. Give a punishment (such as chores, grounding)
4. Ignore it

Q4. Where does your [x]-year-old child learn swear words? Select all that apply.

1. From me
2. Other family members
3. Friends or classmates
4. Music, TV, videos
5. Other

[If Q1 = 1, 2, or 3]

Q5. Why do you think your [x]-year-old child uses swear words? Select all that apply.

1. To fit in with other kids
2. To get attention
3. Habit – doesn't really think about it
4. To be funny
5. That's just the way kids talk these days

Q6. Have you done any of the following to limit your [x]-year-old child's exposure to swearing? *Select all that apply.*

1. Try to limit my own swearing
2. Prohibit certain music, movies, videos
3. Discourage friendships with certain kids
4. Ask others not to swear in front of kids
5. Other
6. N/A – haven't done anything

Q7. Do you think parents are responsible for their children swearing?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Only while they live at home
4. Don't know

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