



A Parenting Test

Section One: Mathematics

For each problem, estimate the total number of times this phrase is used per parent per week. (2 points per question)

- 1] I don't care what the other kids get to do.
- 2] ... and this time I really mean it.
- 3] Somebody's going to get hurt doing that.
- 4] See, I told you somebody was going to get hurt doing that.
- 5] Now we're REALLY going to be late.
- 6] One ... I'm counting ... two ... I'm counting ...
- 7] Because I'm the Mommy (Daddy).
- 8] Let's not discuss that at the dinner table.
- 9] Why is your brother (sister) crying?
- 10] Okay ... but only five more minutes.

Section Two: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct word in the blank. (3 points per question)

- 1] Tickle Me _____.
- 2] 101 _____.
- 3] The Berenstain _____.
- 4] Clifford, the Big _____ Dog.
- 5] _____ Nuggets.
- 6] _____ Meals.
- 7] Please won't you be my _____?

Section Three: Matching

Match each vocabulary word with its definition. (4 points per question)

- 1] Amoxicillin
- 2] Legos
- 3] Pull-Ups
- 4] Push-Ups
- 5] Tubes

MATCHING ANSWERS:

- A] Small bits of plastic designed to accentuate any style of carpeting.
- B] Either a recreational device originally developed for hamsters, but since adapted for use by children in fast food restaurants OR that which is placed in ears when Letter "C" fails.
- C] A pink substance which is usually a regular part of a toddler's diet.
- D] A frozen food amazingly devoid of any nutritional value.
- E] A disposable article of clothing which one swears will only be necessary for a few more weeks.

Section Four: Problem Solving

Briefly describe the solution to each problem. (5 points per question)

- 1] It is 8:50a.m. School starts at 9a.m. Where are your car keys?
- 2] She says that he started it. He says she started it. Who's right?
- 3] You are attempting to go to the post office with two very large packages, two very small children, zero very close parking places, and one frazzled parent. How will you accomplish this?
- 4] At 7p.m., you must be at dance class with Debbie, Cub Scouts with Carl, and soccer with Susie. Without any King Solomon maneuvers, how will this be done?

Section Five: Essay

Answer the question and defend your choice. (19 points)

Which of the 'Big V's' has made a bigger contribution to parenting: Vacuum cleaners, Velcro or the VCR?