

Issues Checklist

Below is a list of things that sometimes get talked about at home. Circle YES for the topics that you and your parents/son or daughter have talked about at all during the last 4 weeks. Circle NO for those that have not come up. For the topics you have chosen YES, please indicate how the discussions went rating from 1 (Calm) to 5 (Angry)

Topic	Yes/No		Calm	A little angry			Angry
	yes	no		1	2	3	
1. Telephone calls	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
2. Time for going to bed	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
3. Cleaning up bedroom	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
4. Doing homework	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
5. Putting away clothes	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
6. Using the television or computer	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
7. Cleanliness (washing, showers, teeth)	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
8. Which clothes to wear	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
9. How neat clothing looks	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
10. Making too much noise at home	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
11. Table manners	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
12. Fighting with brothers or sisters	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
13. Swearing or bad language	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
14. How money is spent	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
15. Picking books or movies	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
16. Allowance/pocket money	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
17. Going places without parents (shopping, movies, etc.)	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
18. Playing music too loudly	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
19. Turning things off in the house (e.g. Lights, TV, computer)	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
20. Drugs	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
21. Taking care of things (e.g. CDs, books, games, bikes, pets, etc.)	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
22. Drinking beer, wine, or other alcohol	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
23. Buying CDs, books, games, magazines	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
24. Going on dates	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
25. Who they should be friends with	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
26. Selecting new clothes	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
27. Sex	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
28. Coming home on time	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
29. Getting to school on time	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
30. Getting low grades in school	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
31. Getting in trouble in school	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5

32. Lying	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
33. Helping out around the home	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
34. Talking back to parents	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
35. Getting up in the morning	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
36. Bothering parents when they want to be left alone	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
37. Bothering teenager when he or she wants to be left alone	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
38. Putting feet on furniture	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
39. Messing up the house	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
40. What time to have meals	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
41. How to spend free time	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
42. Smoking	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
43. Earning money away from home	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5
44. What teenager eats	yes	no	1	2	3	4	5

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Scoring instructions for Issues Checklist

To score the Issues Checklist, first add up the number of times 'yes' was circled. This should be a number between 0 and 44. This is the number of issues discussed. Next, add up all the numbers circled on the right. This should be a number between 0 and 220. Finally, divide the second number by the first number. This will give the average intensity of the discussions.