

## Lesson 4: A Clash in Parenting Styles



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property away from someone, usually by legal authority.	customs agents confiscated her bags.
<b>Mobile Phone</b> - a phone which is connected to the phone system by radio instead of by a wire, and can be used anywhere that signals can be received.	<i>The company sells ringtones, games and screen savers to mobile phone users.</i>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*Give me back my mobile phone*

**Dad:** Hey! Why are you two shouting at each other?

**Mom:** This girl is so hard headed!

**Dad:** Why? What happened, Kate?

**Kate:** Oh, dad. Mommy is trying to confiscate my mobile phone for no reason.

**Mom:** What do you mean for no reason? Do you want me to tell your dad about what you've been up to?

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**Mom:** Kate, the problem is that you aren't focusing on your studying anymore.

**Kate:** Mom, I can handle myself and do the things that I need to do. So please...

**Mom:** Please what?

**Dad:** Ok, that's enough. Kate you have 3 days to figure out how to balance your time better or you will lose your phone privileges.

**Kate:** But dad...

**Mom:** Kate, enough already. Just listen to us.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What does it mean to clash?
  - a. to fight or disagree
  - b. to compromise a settlement peacefully
  - c. to withdraw from someone out of anger
2. What does it mean to confiscate?
  - a. to take something from someone without authority

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- c. a device where you can locate a place
4. What is your parenting style in disciplining your child?
5. How are you going to convince your child to change his/her behavior?