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Arguing

Vocabulary

1. row- a noisy argument or fight; an angry dispute

大喧嘩、口論

2. placid- Not easily upset; not easily irritated

落ち着いた

3. peer pressure - social pressure by members of one's peer group to take a certain action, adopt certain values, in order to be accepted.

仲間の圧力

4. joust- a personal combat or competition.

個人的な争い、競争

5. ear-bashing- angry words spoken to someone who has done something wrong; a severe reprimand

批判

6. counterintuitive- contrary to what common sense would suggest 常識を逸した

It is the kind of thing most parents try their best to avoid. But it seems that starting a row with a teenager could do them the world of good. Argumentative teenagers fare better in adulthood than those who are more placid, researchers have found.

Those who regularly fight verbally with their parents cope better with peer pressure and are less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol. They are also more skilled negotiators and can learn to be taken more seriously' after some verbal jousting with their elders.

The U.S. researchers concluded parents should consider actively starting rows with their teenagers just to hone their youngsters' skills - even if it does result in an ear-bashing in the short term.

Joanna Chango, a clinical psychology graduate working on the study, said that although it seemed 'counterintuitive' to tell parents to let their teens argue with them, it was worth considering.



### Questions

1. Based on the passage, what do parents try to avoid?
2. Does arguing or fighting verbally with the parents have positive effects for the children in the future? What are the effects?
3. Should parents consider actively starting rows with their children based on the passage? Why?



### Fill in the blanks

Peer Pressure Placid Row Ear-bashing counterintuitive

1. She gave me a real \_\_\_\_\_ for embarrassing me in front of her friends.
2. It may seem \_\_\_\_\_, but we do burn calories when we are sleeping.
3. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ with my boyfriend last night.
4. His calm and \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour made him easy to talk to.
5. Most of my social decisions are made because of the \_\_\_\_\_ I feel.

### ABOUT YOURSELF

1. Would you describe yourself as an argumentative person?
2. Do you often argue with the members in your family?
3. Do you think it's disrespectful to argue with your elders?
4. Do you get along with argumentative people?
5. Do you think it is best to argue or just walk away?
6. How do you avoid arguments?
7. In your opinion is being argumentative a positive trait or a flaw?