Parenting strategies for young children.

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Children are out of control, says Spock

By CHRIS OLIVER WILSON, London, Sunday

Dr Benjamin Spock marked the 50th anniversary of his seminal work, *Baby and Child Care*, with a new warning that "a lot of children are out of control".

The 93-year-old American recognises that despite more than 40 million sales of his book, parents still feared unruly offspring.

"The world is dangerous in the sense that a lot of children are out of control," he said.

"Certainly there are a lot of teenage pregnancies and a lot of crime caused by teenage children, more than when I first became a paediatrician.

"It's not that there has been a breakdown in the majority of families. But children take advantage where the parents have lost conviction about how they should raise their children. A lot of parents have lost the ability to decide what is the right thing and how to be firm."

Dr Spock's famous manual was published 50 years ago next week. A seventh edition of the book has just been published, which includes additional sections on homosexuality and Aids.

The famed book starts with the words: "Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do." Preaching a child-rearing creed of love, tolerance and common sense, it became a surprise hit and influenced generations of parents.

Most memorably, Dr Spock said mothers should feed their babies on demand rather than at regimented four-hour intervals, and parents should avoid physically admonishing their children.

"They said babies should be fed on the dot, every four hours, even if they woke an hour early and cried," he said.

"There was a psychologist at the time who said, 'Don't hug or pick your child up' .. I thought this was pompous and unnatural."

—Sunday Telegraph



What builds a happy, stable child



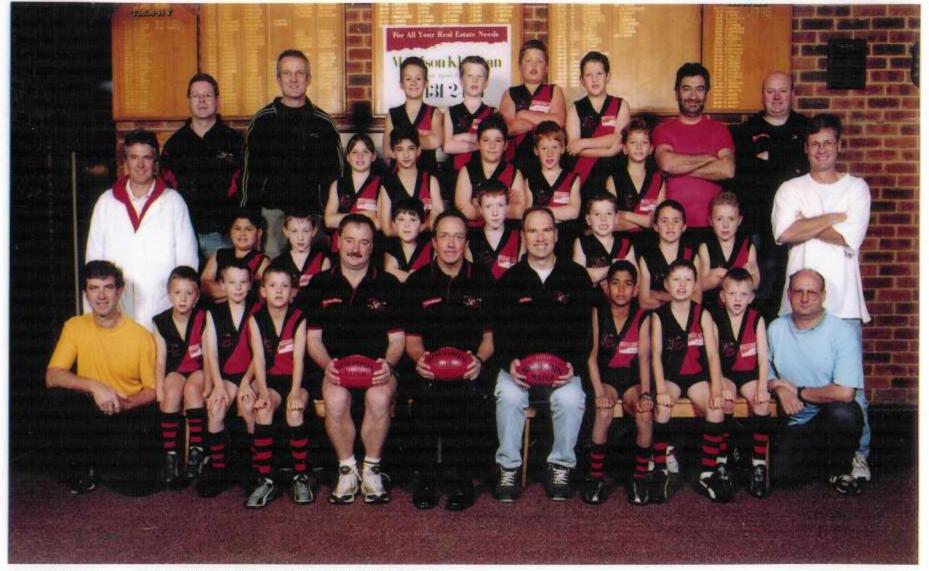
- Secure early emotional attachment
- Unconditional love and affection
- Reliable, dependable, consistent parenting
- Clear rules, limits and consequences
- Opportunities to shine
- Opportunities to feel useful
- Opportunities to make choices
- Opportunities to accept responsibility
- Encouragement to take risks
- Encouragement to feel OK about failure
- Feeling valued by ones peer group



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 Transactional model of child development suggests behaviours are the result of the ongoing interaction between qualities within the child and qualities within the environment

 Behaviour problems in preschoolers can mask underlying developmental problems

WHAT IS NORMAL?

BEHAVIOUR	AGE 2 %	AGE 3	AGE 4 %
Eats too little	50	26	37
Resists going to bed	70	46	56
Night-time waking	52	52	56
Wets bed at night	82	49	26
Hits others or takes things	68	52	46
Stubborn	95	92	85
Disobedient	82	76	78
Constantly seeks attention	94	48	42
Whines and nags	83	65	85
Active, hardly ever still	100	48	40

Principles of behaviour management



- Stabilise routines
- Provide special time
- Praise and reward positive behaviours
- Prioritise difficult behaviour
- Ignore minor difficult behaviours
- Immediate consequences for major difficult behaviours
- Minimise talking at time of misbehaviour

Praise

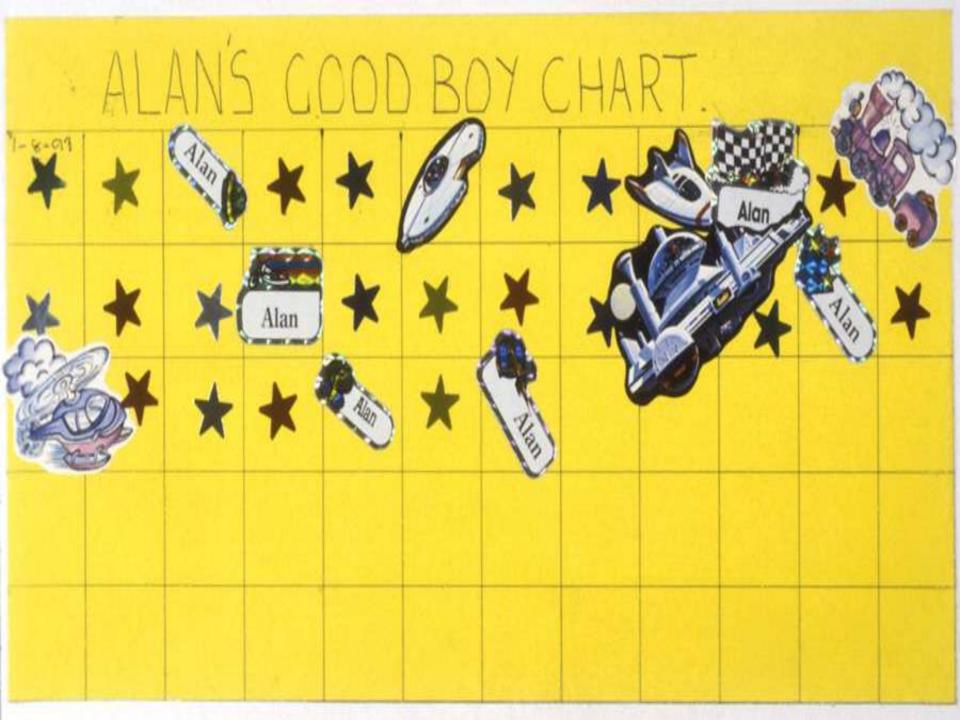


- Eye contact
- Get close physically
- Touch
- Make praise immediate
- Praise the behaviour not the child

Rewards

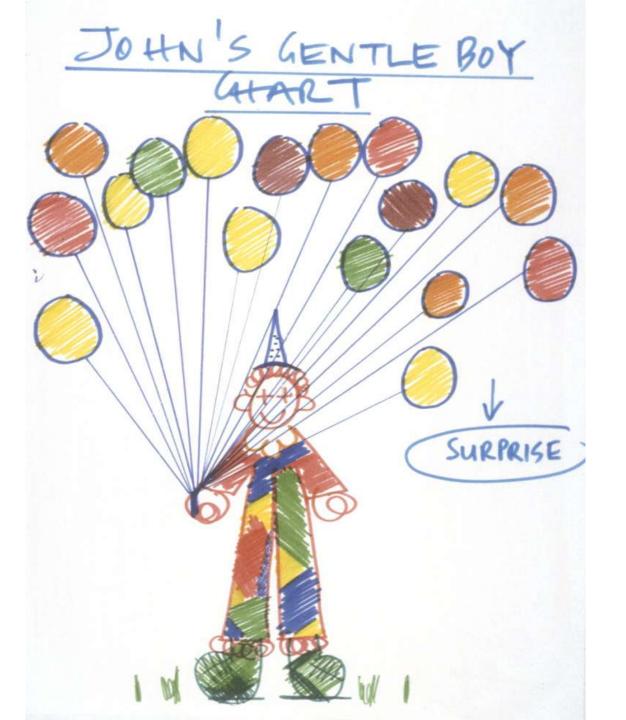


- Rewards should be used in brief intense bursts, not continued infrequently for long periods of time
- Options:
 - Green marks
 - Stickers or stamps on hand
 - Sticker charts
 - Points charts
 - Random rewards





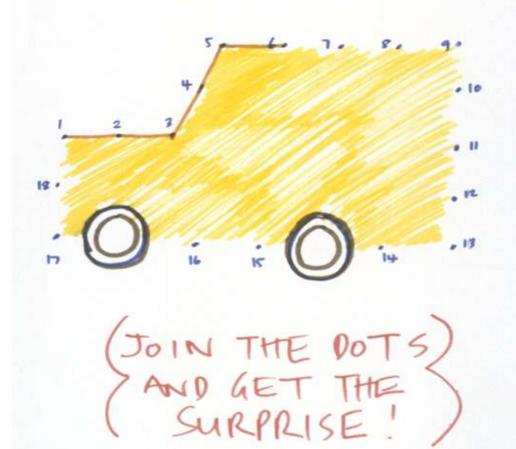






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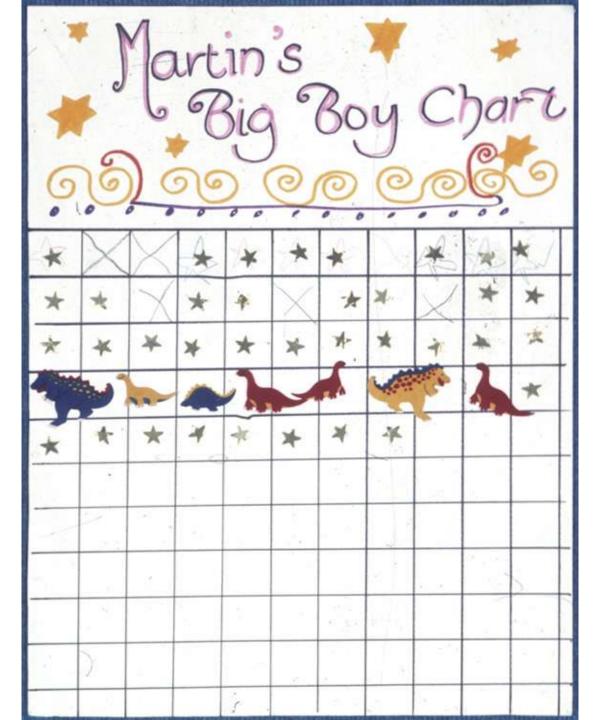
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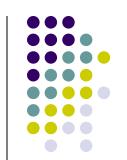
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Ignoring



- Look away
- Walk away
- Go into another room and busy yourself with something else
- Lock yourself in the bedroom, toilet or car if necessary
- Pay attention and praise the child the second the misbehaviour stops

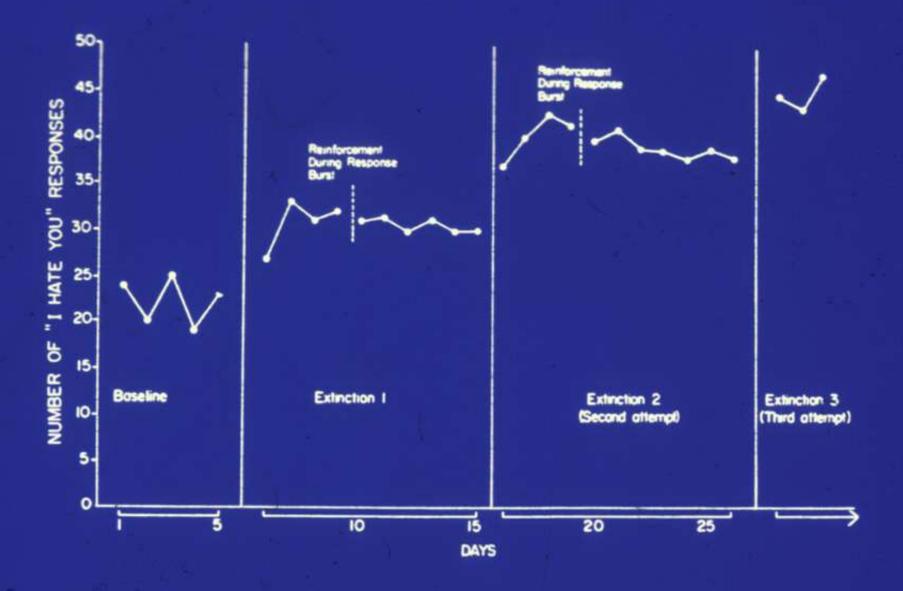


Fig. 2. Number of "I hate you" responses across days observed. The extinction procedure which was unsuccessful is reintroduced. However, the response burst is again reinforced, beginning a chain reaction.

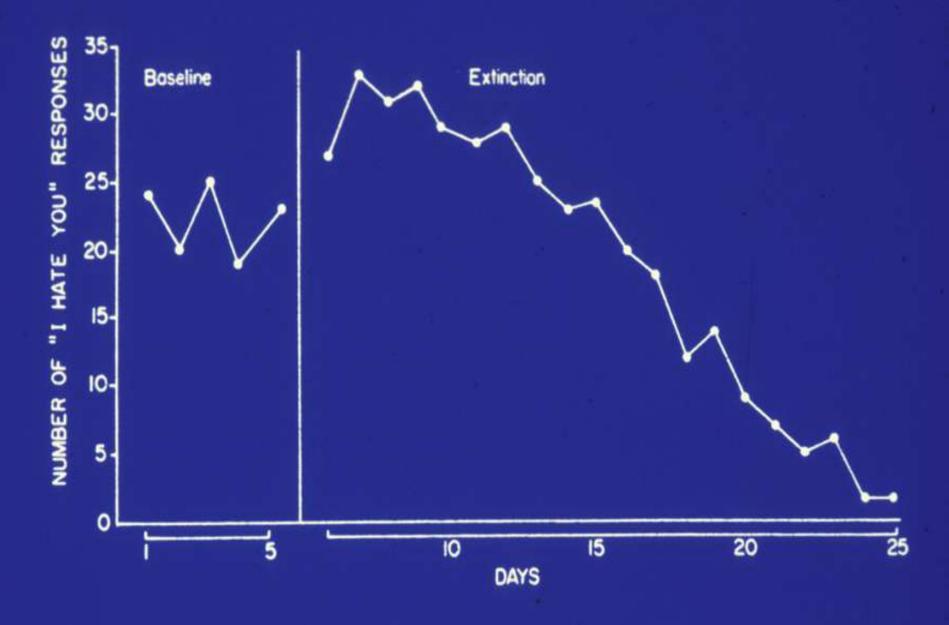
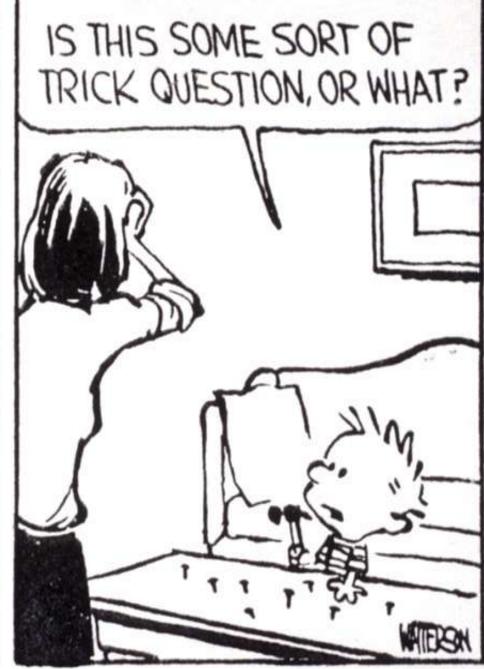


Fig. 1. Number of "I hate you" responses across days observed in baseline and extinction phases.

Extinction procedure is carried out correctly.

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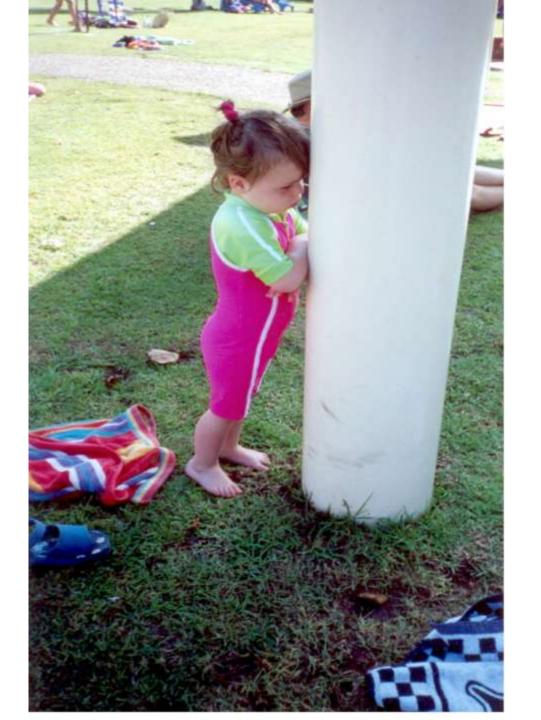
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- Time out
- Withdrawal of privileges

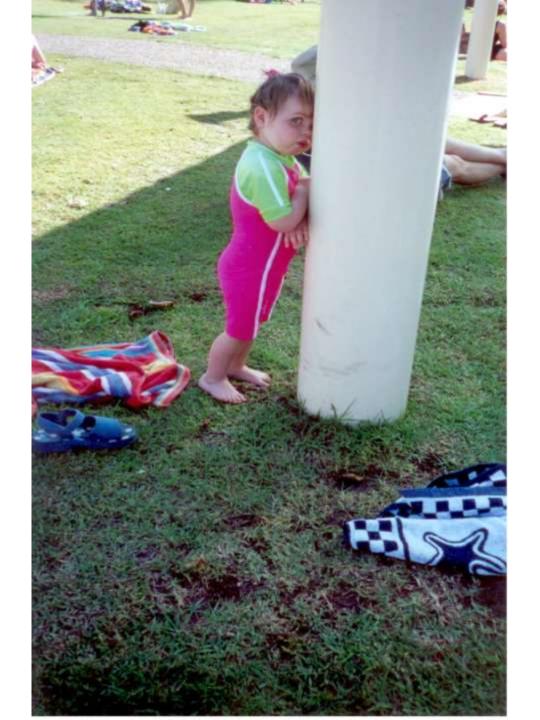
Time out



- Playpen vs chair vs bedroom vs laundry vs outside the back door
- Act immediately, 321 countdown, Time out!
- At home, time out should involve isolation
- Outside the home, parent should stand aside with child, restraining them if necessary, but otherwise avoiding eye contact and not talking
- Maximum 1 min per year of age









Withdrawal of privileges



- For example, loss of toy, missing out on treat, early to bed, grounding, no TV/playstation etc
- Act immediately, 321 countdown. Bang
- Withdraw without delay, over within 24 hours
- Vary the item being withdrawn
- Punishment is about symbolism not about making the child suffer. Don't worry if the child doesn't care or seem to be upset.

Skeleton boat mystery

SEVEN bairels of bones have been discovered on refugee heat forced anhors in Maleynia.

The 10 Vietnamese on board say the 30 skeletons are the remains of American servicemen killed during the Vietnam War. With the bones are metal tags bearing

names and military units.

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The US says it wants to test the remains.

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MFP outcry cripples bid

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By Sun man PETER WILSON In Tokyo

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Summary



- Parenting is tough, no one finds it easy
- Children crave routine and sameness
- Special time with each child each day
- Increase praise and rewards when things are bad
- Walk away more when things are bad
- Speak quietly and avoid reasoning at the time of misbehaviour
- Ignore minor irritating behaviours
- Impose consequences calmly, quickly, and firmly
- Pay attention to social interaction as important determinant of happiness in children







