

# Emotional Abuse Scenario Cards: Answer Key

## TERRORIZING

- A mother gets upset and starts yelling and smashing dishes in front of her children.
- An adult raises his fist and waves it in the face of an 8-year-old.
- “If I hear one more word out of you, I am going to kill your dog!”
- “I am going to kill you if you do not shut up!”

## REJECTING

- “I wish you were never born!”
- “The sight of you makes me sick—you are just like your father!”
- “You are a waste of skin. You will never amount to anything.”

## DEGRADING

- A hockey coach continually yells at a player when they miss a goal, “You are stupid and useless!”
- “You are fat and ugly.”
- “You are worthless.”

## ISOLATING

- Children are kept locked in a room.
- Children are taken out of school and forced to stay home without any outside contact with friends or family members.
- A child is never allowed to eat dinner with other family members. They must eat alone in another room.

## IGNORING

- Parents constantly give the “silent treatment” to their child and refuse to speak to them.
- A student wins an award at school and tries to share their accomplishment with their father. The father refuses to listen and throws the award aside.
- A child hurts her arm and needs medical attention. Her mother tells her to stop crying like a baby, and she does not look at the injury.

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## CORRUPTING

- A 13-year-old is encouraged by an adult to drink and do drugs.
- Parents teach their children from a very young age to hate people based upon their skin colour, culture, or religion.
- An 11-year-old is used by an adult to deliver packages of drugs to a buyer.
- Children are encouraged to perform “break and enters” so that adults can sell the stolen goods.

## EXPLOITING

- A 10-year-old is responsible for their younger brothers and sisters and must stay home from school to take care of them.
- A 3-year-old tries to take care of his mother who is drunk.
- A 9-year-old is told to lie about why her father cannot make it to work.
- A 10-year-old has to cover for his father while he is having an affair.