

Conflict Resolution - Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS)

Below is a revised/short version of the CTS.

Scale items:

No matter how well a parent and child get along, there are times when they disagree on major decisions, get annoyed about something the other person does, or just have spats or fights because they're in a bad mood or tired or for some other reason.

1. In the past six months, about how often did you and your [PARTYPE] have a disagreement?

Once

Twice

3-5 times

6-10 times

11-20 times

More than 20 times

Refuse to Answer

Parents and children settle their differences in many different ways. I'm going to read a list of some things that you and your [] might have done when you had a disagreement.

Thinking of the past six months, tell me how often you did this when you and your [] had a disagreement.

[NOTE: If child OFFERS "Never", follow up with "In the last six months, did you ever _____ (yes/no)".]

2. You tried to discuss the issue relatively calmly.
3. You did discuss the issue relatively calmly.
4. You got information to back up your side of things.
5. You brought in or tried to bring in someone to help settle things.
6. You yelled at her.
7. You insulted or swore at her.
8. You sulked and/or refused to talk about it.
9. You stomped out of the room, house, or yard.
10. You cried.
11. You did or said something to spite, anger, or piss her off.
12. You threatened to hit or throw something at her.
13. You threw, smashed, hit, or kicked something.
14. You got violent (for example, pushed, grabbed, shoved, slapped, kicked, bit, hit, choked, beat up, threatened, or used a weapon).

15. Any other ways?

a. Please specify: _____

Response categories for items 2-15:

Never (DON'T READ)

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Refuse to Answer