



“Train up the child the way he should go, when grows up he won’t depart from it”. This is a famous maxim you can see posted on the walls and use by speakers when they have a talk regarding parenting. More often, there is a conflict between the young generation and the old generation when it comes to the topic of parenting.

Psychologists say that spanking is undesirable method of punishing a child. A child will feel low self- esteem and they will hate their parents for doing so. However, the old people stress that sparing a rod is an act paving the way for a child to become a spoiled brat. These differences will lead parents to be confused about what is the appropriate thing to do and what is inappropriate.

Vocabulary:

**Maxim
old generation
Self-esteem
spoiled brat**

**young generation
spanking
sparing a rod
paving**

Language Focus:**Modals useful for making recommendations.**

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| advisability | had better ought to should |
| necessity | have got to have to must |
| lack of necessity and prohibition | do not have to must not |

Debate:

Tell whether the following ideas are true or false. Defend your answer.

- 1. Punishing children is an act of love.**
- 2. Teenagers should not be punished. They can distinguish between right from wrong.**
- 3. Girls should not be punished physically.**
- 4. Physical punishment is as severe as physical punishment.**
- 5. In giving punishment, parents should consider the age.**