*Describe a time you saw children behave badly in public.  
Where it was?  
What the children were doing?  
How others reacted to it?  
And explain how you felt about it?.*

It can be understandable if children who are below then four to five years old are misbehaving other because they do not know how to behave outside the home, but parents have to be punished their children who are above then six years old if they embarrass the parents in the public place.

I saw such kind of situation in January this year at a wedding party.

**Where it was?**

I went to my friend’s home, Shimla, a few months ago to attend her sister’s wedding. I arrived a day before the party. We know that many children are gathered in such kind of occasions.

**What the children were doing?**

Most of the children behaved very well, but I explained a situation when I saw some children misbehave. The function was organized in a public hall. On the marriage day, all were looking very well. Suddenly I heard some noises. When I reached the spot, I saw some children fighting with each other.

**How others reacted to it?**

Everyone was trying to know what was the actual reason for fighting. Children did not want to hear anything even as they were speaking very badly with elders. Their parents also felt insulted after some time. We came to know that one child was speaking bad jokes to others and other children tried to stop him, but instead, stop the speaking child pushed other children who were trying to stop him. This increased the fight. Their clothes were torn.

**And explain how you felt about it?**

They did not realize that they were spoiling the whole function. Everyone got angry and raised questions about their parenting. I tried to calm down the fight. After a specific time, children apologized for their mistake.

**OR**

I go for a walk every day in a park near my home. Usually, I also see a few children playing at the park during that time. And they are always accompanied by an adult.

Last week when I went to the park, I saw that the children, instead of playing, were actually uprooting the flowers and plants. I tried to see if there was an adult nearby who knew the children. There were a few others who were here for a walk like me, but I didn’t think anyone knew the children. Some of them had also stopped and were thinking about what to do.

However, an old uncle couldn’t watch this any longer. He went up to the kids and told them to stop doing that immediately. However, instead of scolding, he starter testing them that how plants are living beings like us and uprooting them is like killing them. He then tried to make the best of the situation and asked the children to help him replant the trees. Seeing this, some of the other people and I also joined in and helped him.

At first, I was very angry, but I also knew that the children didn’t understand the consequences of their actions. After listening to the uncle, they stopped and actually helped in replanting the plants. Still, some of the plants had broken roots, and we knew nothing could be done to save them. But we didn’t say anything to the children because we didn’t want to make them feel even more guilty.

When a person came to pick them up, we did explain the situation. He apologized on behalf of the children and told us that he was sorry for leaving them unattended. I learned one thing from that old man rather than scolding children for their mistakes; it is our responsibility as a society to guide them and enable them to become better human beings.