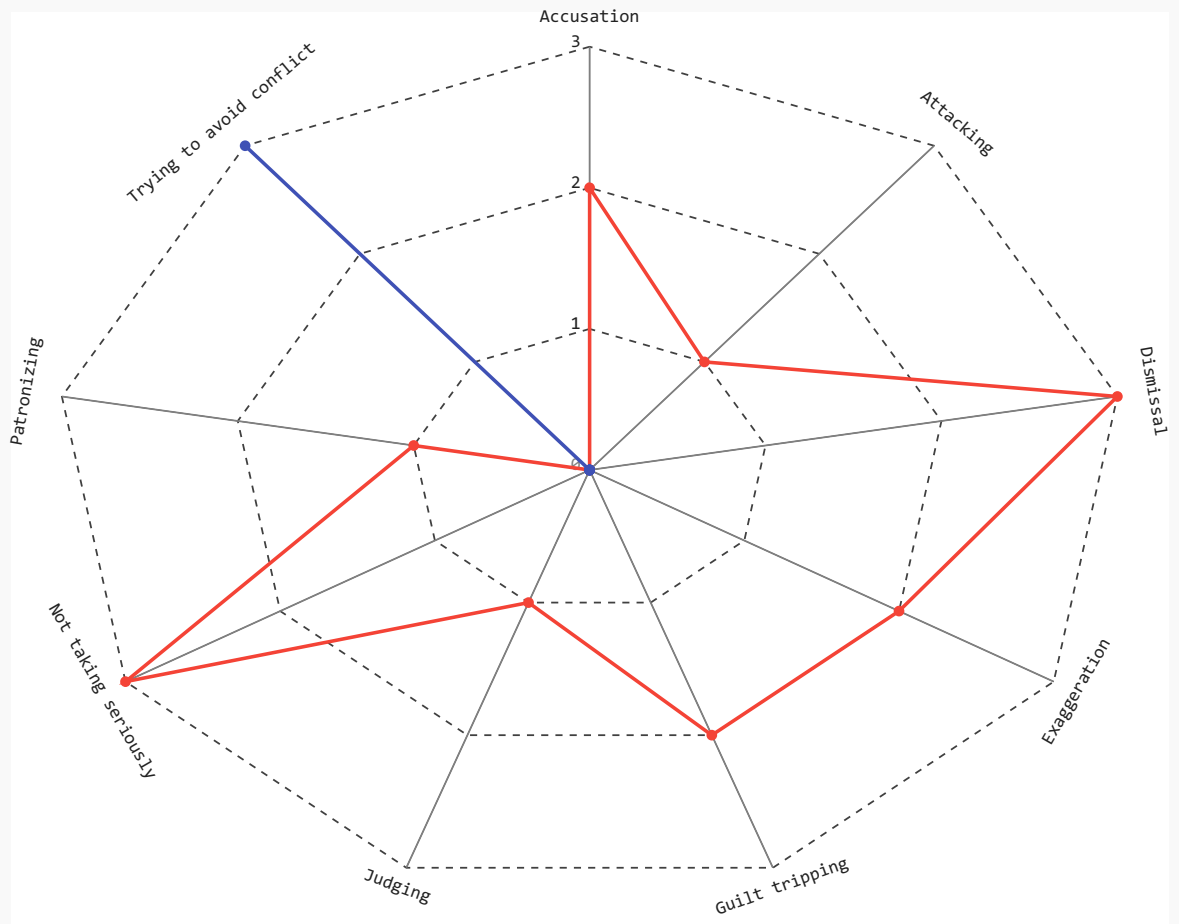


## Manipulative Expression Recognition (MER)

Person A  
Person B



### Qualitative summary:

Person A has a persistent and somewhat confrontational conversational style, repeatedly insisting that Person B feed their daughter the breakfast they've prepared, despite being told that the child has already eaten. They use guilt and emotional manipulation, implying that Person B is a bad parent for not accepting their advice. Person B, on the other hand, maintains a more patient and assertive conversational style. They repeatedly explain that their daughter has already eaten and that they are running late, but they do so without escalating the conflict. Despite the increasing frustration, Person B remains calm and composed, even when faced with Person A's harsh criticism.

### Labelled input:

It's Thanksgiving Day and Person B is headed to an appointment with my baby daughter. They're meeting up with an old friend at her home for pictures — she's a professional now and offered to do some Mommy-Daughter shots for Person B.

As Person A is preparing to leave, Person A stops Person B to "remind them" to feed their daughter. Person B replies that she's already had her morning meal and Person B has packed cereal for her as a snack for the short trip.

Person A: "You should really give her some of this breakfast I just cooked." **Dismissal, Not taking seriously**

Person B: "Really, mom, it's fine. She JUST ate and we're running late. We have to go." **Trying to avoid conflict** I say as I prepare a small diaper bag.

Person A: "Person B, your baby needs nutrients and protein. Here's some for her." **Dismissal, Not taking seriously, Patronizing** She places a plate out with the food which Person B ignores as Person B places her little one in her carseat.

Person B doesn't respond to Person A, knowing NOTHING Person B say won't spiral out of control.

As Person B is about to leave, it's announced again that Person B is FORGETTING HER BREAKFAST.

Person B: "I have to leave now or we'll be late. Like I've said, she's ALREADY eaten." **Trying to avoid conflict**

Person A: "But this is so much better for her. Are you really going to deprive your little one of food BECAUSE YOU'RE RUNNING LATE?"

**Accusation, Dismissal, Exaggeration, Guilt tripping, Not taking seriously** (Don't forget, the statement is dripping with disgust based on her tone.)

Person B: Calmly responds, despite the steady rush of frustration and blood starting to show in their face: "It's Thanksgiving, she already ate.

There's no reason to be late just because you want her to have a second breakfast within the hour of the first one. It doesn't benefit her. I have to go now. Have a great day." **Trying to avoid conflict**

Before Person B closes the door:

Person A: "You're a horrible mother who apparently can't even take a moment to feed their own child. I feel sorry for your daughter."

**Accusation, Attacking, Exaggeration, Guilt tripping, Judging**