

Manipulation

Discussion

How are you doing today?

I am fine.

What did you do before the class?

I just finished my homework and dinner.

How did you spend the day?

In the morning and in afternoon I was in school. I finished my homework and played some games.

Where is Eddie?

He is not coming.

He is going to have an exam tomorrow.

You don't live together?

We live together but he is outside.

How is he preparing for the exam?

He is having a physics class right now.

What are your plans for the rest of the day?

I am going to play some games and sleep.

What kind of games?

I am going to play shooting video games.

Have you ever been manipulated?

Humans can be manipulated easily.

If someone offers you money to do something, they kinda manipulate what you do.

Parents sometimes manipulate their children, they give them a reward for things that are good and punish them for things that are bad.

Do adverbs try to manipulate you?

Yes, they do. They try to manipulate you in buying a product or a service.

When you buy something, why do you buy it?

Because I think it's useful or cute.

Have you ever bought something that you didn't really use?

No, I haven't.

When you spend time on the phone, don't you see a lot of ads?

So how do you protect yourself from their influence?

I don't watch them.

But they are everywhere. I try my best to ignore them.

What methods do adverts use to attract people's attention?
They put out some funny videos and interesting pictures.
They put pictures of happy family, actually they put pictures and videos of the things that many people want.

How does she try to convince you to play a piano?
She shows me how good a piano is.
Piano takes a lot of time and energy.

Don't you like music?
I like music, but I just listening to it.

She wants me to use phone less.

How much time do you spend on your phone?
I spend six to seven hours a day.

What do you do on your phone?
I play games and reply to my classmate's messages.
I like watching YouTube videos.

Don't you want to use it less?

Do you realize that you waste your time?
I am lazy.

You realize that you lazy, and you don't want to change it?
Yes.

What do you hope for your future?

Do you think it will be good?
I don't think so.

Why do his parents try to control him?
His parents want him to be a lawyer.

What does he want?
He wants to be a guitar player.

Why his parents don't want him to be a guitar player?
Because it's really hard to succeed as professional musician.

Who is right, his parents or him?
I think Leo is right.

Leo is trying to do thing that he likes, his parents are trying to stop him.

What if he doesn't succeed, in being a musician?
He would waste maybe much time.

Vocabulary

New words

1. dominate(verb)
2. the rains(noun)
3. twist your words(expression)
4. walk on eggshells(expression)
5. influence(noun, verb)
6. ultimatum(noun)
7. advantage(noun)
8. control(verb)

Useful words

1. ultimatum(noun):a request which rejection will lead something negative.
e.g. If you don't give me that I will never talk to you again.
2. silent treatment(noun):the act of ignoring, not talking, or not paying any attention to someone or something.
3. skew the facts(expression):to give false information, to spread lies.
4. twist someone's words(expression):to say something that is not true, to change someone's word in a way that suits that person.
5. manipulation(noun):the act of controlling someone in order to take advantage of that person.
6. manipulate(verb)
7. silent(adj.):without making noise or a sound.