

# HKDSE Examination 2014: English Language Paper 4

## Question 1.3 : Helicopter parenting – good or bad?

### Individual Response Demo (recorded in Sep 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2013	5
B	2015	4
C	2014	3
D	2013	5*

### Transcript (with improved grammar in red)

#### **Examiner:** (Question 4)

Candidate A, why do you think some parents want to control everything in their child's life? You may start now.

#### **A:**

Well, I think it is very normal for a parent ~~to ... to be~~ ..... to tend to control everything about their children because as a parent, they're always think that ... they are the ones in the world, who loves them the most, ~~the most~~ and want to protect them from all bad things, or, something like that. But, I think ~~parents~~, ... it is good for parents to care about their children. But I think it is ~~more~~, even more important for them to know that ... nowadays, perhaps the culture has changed and adolescents want more personal space. Erm, ~~maybe the~~, maybe letting it go, or letting the children ~~to~~ have more personal space will even ..... make the children more willing to share their personal life with their parents.

So, I think, although it is good, ... parents should learn how to adapt to this new culture.

**Examiner:** (Question 5)

Candidate B, do you think helicopter parenting is common nowadays? You may start now.

**B:**

In Hong Kong , I think ... helicopter parenting is very common now. Er, as ... I have seen many ... of my relatives, ... ~~they~~, they raise their children ... very, very carefully. And they want their children ~~to~~ ... to be a person that they want them ... to be, like, ... to be a ... doctor, or to be a lawyer, so they ... limit their ... interest, and ~~they~~ ... they arrange many ... classes or courses for them to attend. So, I think ... in these cases, ... helicopter parenting is very common. Thank you.

**Examiner:** (Question 6)

Candidate C, should parents allow their children to make mistakes? You may start now.

**C:**

Yes, thank you for your question. I think parents should allow their children to make mistakes **s** because ..... if their children make, ~~making~~ mistakes **s**, and ... ~~they can~~, they may learn something from the mistakes **s**. Er, for example, ... if ... **the** children ~~really want~~ ... really want to buy something and ... their parent

knows that ... the thing is not good for them. But if the parents ~~let them~~, also **still** allow them to buy it, and ~~they can~~, they may know that the ~~things~~ **thing** ... is not good. ~~And~~ they will know that and so, next time, ~~they will~~, they will not make the same mistake. So, I think ... it is good ... to let the children ~~making~~ **make** mistakes. Thank you.

**Examiner:** (Question 8)

Candidate D, how can parents and children have better communication? You may start now.

**D:**

Er, first of all, thank you for your question. I think that parents and children should have better communication by having some ... chats **s** ... every week. For example, my parents ... do often have chats **s** with me because ~~that~~, well, I, I want to share with them what ... I have encountered in my school, ~~what I~~, what my friends are doing. And sometime, I think ~~by that~~, by this means **s**, I can share my experience ... with my parents so that my parents do not need to worry about me very much and they know what I'm doing. ~~So that~~, I think that in this way, ... we have more mutual ... communication and understanding. And besides that, I think that ... the other way of communication can be doing activities together. For example, just spend a weekend, **or** a day to go to the cinema together. And then, I think ... we can have ~~mutual~~ fun together, and in this way, we can also have some ... communication by ... chatting **about** some ... current issues. And I think that in this way, ... we can also ... communicate better

because ~~that~~ we know ... the views of each other towards different issues. Thank you.