

## **“My child is not listening!”**

If this is the case with your child, practice asking instead of telling.

Here are some ideas:

Go brush your teeth.

What do you need to do so your teeth will feel squeaky clean?

Don't forget your coat.

What will you take so you won't be cold outside?

Go to bed now.

What do all humans do to not be tired in the morning?

Do your homework now.

What is your plan for doing your homework?

Stop fighting with your brother (or friend).

How can you and your brother (or friend) solve this problem?

Put your dishes in the dishwasher.

What do we do in our family with our dishes when we have finished eating?

Hurry up and get dressed or you'll get too late for school.

What is your plan for being on time for school?

Stop whining. You are driving me crazy.

How can you talk so I can hear you?

Pick up your toys or I'll give them to children who don't have any toys.

What is your responsibility when you are finished playing with your toys?

Think of your usual sentences your child is not listening to anymore and formulate them in respectful questions.