



## Let Kids Fix Own Problems

Ever feel like a dictator when talking to your kids about doing what needs to be done? There's a better way to communicate and get action!

At WINGS, we emphasize how important it is to let kids figure out how to fix their own problems.

Instead of dictating exactly what you want from them, instead simply state the problem clearly and succinctly – and let them decide how to fix it. You won't feel like a dictator, and your kid gets a chance to do the right thing.

Some examples:

<b>Dictator's way</b>	<b>Better way</b>
Turn off the TV! You know you're not allowed to watch TV while you do your homework.	The TV is on during homework time. This is breaking a house rule.
Close the door!	Bugs are flying in here because the door is open.
Stop whining!	You're whining. I don't give whining kids what they want.
Feed the dog!	The dog's bowl is empty and he looks hungry.
Pick up the crayons!	Your crayons are all over the floor and they are going to get smashed.