

STOP YOURSELF WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF SAYING...

- If you don't behave, I'll send you to live with your father (or mother).
- You're lazy (stubborn or bad tempered) just like your mother (or father).
- I could get along better here by myself.
- If you weren't here, I could....
- Someday you'll leave me too, just like your mother (father or its variation), promise me you'll never leave
- Your mother (father) put you up to saying that!
- Your father (mother) doesn't love any of us or he (she) wouldn't have left us.
- You can't trust him (her)!
- That bastard (bitch)!
- If he (she) loved you, he (she) would pay your support checks, right? (Variation: end sentence with "on time".)
- Sometimes I wish I'd been the one to skip out.
- If you don't like what I buy you, ask your father (mother) to do better.
- Who would you really rather be with, Mommy or Daddy?
- What is your father (mother) saying about me?
- Now that you are the "man of the house" (the "little mother")...
- You're all I have. You are the only person I can rely on.
- He (she) was just no good.
- If it wasn't for you, your father (mother) would still be here!
- If your father (mother) is five minutes late again, you're just not going with him (her).
- Over my dead body!