

 Today's Goal

Write a goal for today's lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

 Springboard


*Candlelit tables, dim lights. Your significant other flashes a smile at you, and you smile back. You've waited all week for this night; everything is perfect. The waiter approaches your table to take your order, but as he opens his mouth to tell you tonight's specials, a piercing screech rings out. "No! No! Nooooo!" A small child is throwing a complete temper tantrum across the room as his parents feign deafness.*

Incidents like this are the reason several US restaurants have started to ban young children. Bastion's, a quiet restaurant on the outskirts of Philadelphia, initiated a ban on children five and under earlier this year. The owner, Dominick Cole, stated that "young children have ruined the dining experience for one too many valued customers."

Despite self-proclaimed mommy blogs' claims that Bastion's would rue the day it banned young children, Cole says that business has actually increased, which he attributes to customers who know they can enjoy a quiet dinner without the chance of being disturbed by unruly children. Cole maintains that he doesn't dislike children — instead, his problem lies with lazy parents. "Other customers complain, but the parents do nothing to stop their kids," he explained. "They simply ignore them."

 Building Vocabulary

- Check the meaning of these words and phrases:  
 throw a temper tantrum    feign (*v.*)    self-proclaimed (*adj.*)    rue the day    unruly (*adj.*)
- Choose one and use it in a sentence.

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 Think About It

- Consider today's statement for discussion: ***It's fair for children to be refused entry to certain places.*** Research the surrounding issues, using any resources available to you. Write notes.

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- Write your reaction to today's statement for discussion.

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 Branching Out

1. Imagine you are each of the following stakeholders. How do you think they would respond to today's statement for discussion: ***It's fair for children to be refused entry to certain places?*** Write notes.

A busy parent

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A restaurant patron

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A business owner

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2. Add one more stakeholder to the list. How do you think they would respond to the statement for discussion? Write notes.

Your own idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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Talk About It

1. Your teacher will assign you a role from *Branching Out*. Assume this identity and have a discussion. Make note of anything you learn.

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2. What did you think about the issue before class? How has your view changed? Discuss.

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Looking Back

1. What did you learn during the lesson?
2. How well did you meet your goal for today's lesson? Please fill out your Self-Evaluation Log after class.