

## A WORD OR A STICK

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Teachers nowadays have been in the news and on social media due to accusations of child abuse. A teacher was made controversial because of pinching the ears of her student and spanking her hands with a ruler.

How shall we discipline a child? What do you think is the best way to correct a child's mistake? The use of fine words or through the use of a stick?

Teachers are the same as the parents of a child. But, as a child how would you feel and react towards a teacher's violent actions? Teachers are given the "Trust" when it comes to the future of the young generation. Our parents give them the full trust and liberty to teach us how to be well educated. Be ready to face what life brings us challenges.

From a student's point of view, parents, teachers, and other social workers who deal with children should be more careful and learn how to deal with their patients. They should know how to discipline a child in a manner that does not involve violence.

Isn't it more appropriate to talk to a child and explain to him what is his mistake and how to correct it? "A Stick" leaves a mark on his body, yes, it will heal but there's a negative effect on the child's well-being. But "A Word", leaves a great mark on a child's heart and mind. The child's point of view.

But teachers should not be blamed for a child's misbehavior. Remember that the child's first teacher is their mothers and that their first school is their Home. If teachers and parents will work hand and hand, a better future awaits our younger generation.

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