

Children misbehave to:

Seek attention, Achieve power, Seek revenge, Display inadequacy

You respond by feeling

Irritated, annoyed, Threatened, Hurt, Inadequate

Child's response

Stop and resume later

Resist and escalate

Retaliate with something hurtful

Passive aggression, wear you down

Dealing with it

Ignore and give positive attention

Allow cooling off and problem solve later

Don't retaliate, invite cooperation

Teach skills in the area of inadequacy

Keep a positive image of your child.**Instead of thinking of your child as:**

Hyperactive

Impulsive

Distractible

A daydreamer

Inattentive

Unpredictable

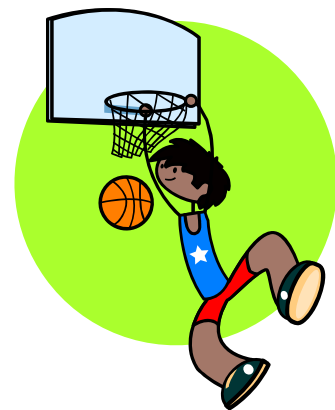
Argumentative

Stubborn

Irritable

Aggressive

Attention Deficit Disordered

**Think:**

Energetic

Spontaneous

Creative

Imaginative

Global thinker with a wide focus

Flexible

Independent

Committed

Sensitive

Assertive

Unique.

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