

respectful PARENT

Things Kids Say	What WE think it Means	What It Actually Means	What to Say
You Can't Play	Exclusion, Dislike, Mean, Bullying	I am in the middle of something right now, I'll play when I'm done	It looks like you are busy playing a certain game right now, but you might be free later....
Go Away	Exclusion	I'm overwhelmed, I need some space	It sounds like your friend needs a little space right now.
You're not my Friend	I don't like you and we will never be friends	I am mad at you	It sounds like your friend is upset right now. She didn't like it when....and that hurt her feelings.
You're Mean	Name-calling, Mean, Bullying	You did something I didn't like, I am mad at you	It sounds like your friend is upset right now. She didn't like it when....and that hurt her feelings.
I Hate you	I Hate you	I am so mad at you that I don't think it will ever go away. I have very strong feelings about that.	Friend, you sound really mad! You sure did not like it when your friend did.....
You Can't Come to My Birthday	Exclusion, Bullying	I am upset with you. My feelings are hurt and I want to hurt you because I am hurt too	It sounds like your feelings are hurt and you want to let Friend know by telling her that.