

Writing - Narrative | Sample Answer

Using one or more of the words or phrases from the Word Cloud above, write the dialogue for a scene in a TV drama where an adult confronts a teenager, or a teenager confronts an adult. Your dialogue may be serious or humorous or both. You may refer to location, the use of special effects and make suggestions for movement in your script. Indicate each speaker on the left-hand side of the page.

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(Scene opens in a tidy living room, the windows are dark, and a teenage girl and her mother enter, arguing).

Kate (teenager): How could you? we didn't even listen- you, you just- ugh! It's so unfair!

(Mother sinks wearily into chair, defeated)

Mother: Kate, darling, if you would just calm down, I could explain why I don't want you to go to that concert.

(Kate exclaims in indignance, aggressive posture and forward stance)

Kate: I know why! Because it's 'inappropriate material' and 'you're not going out wearing that'. I'm sick of it! You never care about what I have to say, you always tell me what to do- do you don't even trust me!

(Mother, in softened voice)

Mother: Kate, I do trust you... don't you understand that I do all this because I care about you?

Kate: I-

Mother (interrupts): Listen to me. All those girls are going to go out to that concert in minuscule tops, listening to that infernal music, and doing who knows what! I don't want that for you. I want you to have some real fun.

Kate: It is fun!

Mother: I said listen! Whatever to that nice girl Maria?

Kate (mumbles): She has new friends.

Mother: Sorry?

Kate (screams): Never mind!

(Kate storms out of the room, a distant sound of feet thumping upstairs and a door slamming).

Mother (sighs): I don't know what I'm going to do with that girl...