

Sample Vignettes

For each vignette, ask the candidates what are their feelings about the situation and how might they respond.

1. After 3 days of your 15-year-old student's placement with you, the child often gets up and wanders around at night. She says that she is nervous about the welfare of her parents back home and wants to sleep with you in your room on the floor or at the foot of your bed.
2. A student from Scandinavia is staying with your family. You and your family go to the beach for a swim. The 15-year-old student forgot to pack a bathing suit so he just disrobes and goes in the water "nude".
3. A 17-year-old girl comes out of the bathroom after taking a shower wrapped only in a towel as she goes back to her room to get dressed.
4. After small confrontations and various interactions, you and your family feel uncomfortable with the 16-year-old student in your home. She has said rude comments to visiting family members, has been very curt at times and most recently had a "tantrum" after a long trip because her needs were not met fast enough.
5. You get a call from the Rotary member contact person because the 16-year-old student has been complaining about the way you cook.
6. The bathroom is a mess again after your student was in there showering and getting ready for the day. You remind the student of what was agreed upon before about simply tidying up after oneself. The 17-year-old student starts analyzing the dirt and claims that he did clean what he messed up and that the rest must be from your visit to the restroom just prior to his.
7. You are happy that your 15-year-old student is making new friends here in the USA but these friends seem to never leave. They fall asleep at your house and eat up your food then they want you to drive them around to top it off!
8. Even though you gave your 17-year-old student a map, a transportation schedule and showed them how to get around; they always want to call you to pick them up from here and there. You have to load and unload all of your children every time. You want your student to be safe but you have to be able to function from day to day too.
9. Your 16-year-old student runs to you crying and very upset because she said that while she was changing in the bathroom she saw a man at the window looking at her.
10. Your 18-year-old student comes home so late after school that you were worried and about to call the police. When you question where they were, they say that it is a "secret".