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In every family there are times when the parents don’t get along. Below are some things that kids sometimes think or feel when their parents have arguments or disagreements. We would like you to tell us what you think or feel when your parents argue or disagree by answering each of the sentences below.

T = TRUE
ST = SORT OF TRUE
F = FALSE

1. T  ST  F I never see my parents arguing or disagreeing.
2. T  ST  F When my parents have an argument they usually work it out
3. T  ST  F My parents often get into arguments about things I do at school
4. T  ST  F When my parents argue it’s because one of them just had a bad day
5. T  ST  F My parents get really mad when they argue
6. T  ST  F When my parents argue I can do something to make myself feel better
7. T  ST  F I get scared when my parents argue
8. T  ST  F I feel caught in the middle when my parents argue
9. T  ST  F I’m not to blame when my parents have arguments
10. T  ST  F They may not think I know it, but my parents argue or disagree a lot
11. T  ST  F Even after my parents stop arguing they stay mad at each other
12. T  ST  F When my parents argue usually it has to do with their own problems
13. T  ST  F My parents have arguments because they are not happy together
14. T  ST  F When my parents have a disagreement they discuss it quietly
15. T  ST  F I don’t know what to do when my parents have arguments
16. T  ST  F My parents are often mean to each other even when I’m around
17. T  ST  F When my parents argue I worry about what will happen to me
18. T  ST  F I don’t feel like I have to take sides when my parents have a disagreement
19. T  ST  F It’s usually my fault when my parents argue
20. T  ST  F I often see or hear my parents arguing
21. T  ST  F When my parents disagree about something, they usually come up with a solution
22. T  ST  F My parents’ arguments are usually about me
23. T  ST  F The reasons my parents argue never change
24. T  ST  F When my parents have an argument they say mean things to each other
25. T  ST  F When my parents argue or disagree I can usually help make things better
27. T ST F  When my parents argue I'm afraid that something bad will happen.
28. T ST F  My mom wants me to be on her side when she and my dad argue
29. T ST F  Even if they don't say it, I know I'm to blame when my parents argue
30. T ST F  My parents hardly ever argue

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30. T ST F When my parents argue they usually make up right away
31. T ST F My parents usually argue or disagree because of things that I do
32. T ST F My parents argue because they don't really love each other
33. T ST F When my parents have an argument they yell at each other
34. T ST F When my parents argue there's nothing I can do to stop them
35. T ST F When my parents argue I worry that one of them will get hurt
36. T ST F I feel like I have to take sides when my parents have a disagreement
37. T ST F My parents often nag and complain about each other around the house
38. T ST F My parents hardly ever yell when they have a disagreement
39. T ST F My parents often get into arguments when I do something wrong
40. T ST F My parents have broken or thrown things during an argument
41. T ST F After my parents stop arguing, they are friendly towards each other
42. T ST F When my parents argue I'm afraid that they will yell at me too
43. T ST F My parents blame me when they have arguments
44. T ST F My dad wants me to be on his side when he and my mom argue
45. T ST F My parents have pushed or shoved each other during an argument
46. T ST F When my parents argue or disagree there's nothing I can do to make myself feel better
47. T ST F When my parents argue I worry that they might get divorced
48. T ST F My parents still act mean after they have had an argument
49. T ST F My parents have arguments because they don't know how to get along
50. T ST F Usually it's not my fault when my parents have arguments
51. T ST F When my parents argue they don't listen to anything I say