

# PARENT INTERVIEW

Date: Jan. 11, 20XX

Student: David B.

Grade: 5

Interviewer: P. Chinn

Teacher: Mrs. Lehrer, Language Arts and Reading

Location: counseling office

Time: 8:15-8:45 (30 minutes)

Behavior(s) of concern:

- a. Not doing his work
- b. Talking to other students when he should be working
- c. Getting out of his seat and walking around the room
- d.

1. Do you ever observe these behaviors at home? If so, when do they tend to occur?

Mrs. B: Well, clearly these are things that typically happen in school, so we wouldn't really see them at home. However, I do notice that he does do a lot of stalling when it comes time to do his homework. He also does get distracted then... wanting a snack, asking if he can have his phone to text his friends, especially Angelina, wanting to play a video game.

Mr. B: It happens most often with his math and language arts homework.

2. What do you typically do when these behaviors occur?

Mrs. B: It's really a struggle. I talk with him a lot about the importance of homework. He'll work for a little bit, then start asking for a break again.

Mr. B: Sometimes we tell him that if he works for 15 minutes, then he can have a break to play for a bit. Sometimes we just make him keep on working to get it done.

3. Why do you think these behaviors occur?

Mr. B: I think David just doesn't like doing the work for some of his classes... especially writing assignments. David says he doesn't like language arts class.

4. Could the behaviors be the result of academic difficulties?

Mrs. B: I don't think so. When we make him sit down and do the work, he finishes it quickly and correctly. It just seems that he has a hard time focusing because he'd rather be doing something else.

10. When your child discusses school, what does he/she talk about?

Mrs. B: We don't hear a lot about the schoolwork itself, except in science. He loves the experiments that they do in that class. He does complain about language arts, and says he doesn't like writing. While not necessarily school related, we do hear a lot about Angelina.



**Note:** This sample form is intended to show only what types of questions are typically asked during a parent interview. Most actual interviews include many more questions.