

SCRIPT: HABITS OF THINKING**ROLES:** Narrator, Des, Mom

Narrator: Des came home after school. He wanted to play video games but his Mom said he had to do his homework.

Des: Mom, everyone is online now. You are the only Mom that makes me finish my homework first instead of playing video games. All my friends' Moms let them play games!

Mom: I don't care what other Moms do. I am your Mom and you are going to listen to what I say!

Des: (*mad*) I am not going to listen to you because you never understand!

Mom: If you decide not to do your homework now and keep fighting with me, I'll take away your video games for an entire week. You're not being respectful.

Des: (*yells*) Mom! CHILL out!

Mom: (*calmly*) Go to your room and take some time to think about this. Your school should take priority over video games. You were just with your friends this weekend.

Des: (*grumbles*) My homework isn't even a big deal. It will literally take a second. I can do it later!

Narrator: Even though he disagreed with his Mom's demands and he really wanted to play video games after school, he went to his room to rethink the situation.

On the one hand, he thought about being grounded for a whole week and he didn't like that idea. It would mean he couldn't go anywhere except school. Also, he wouldn't be able to play video games for an entire week. It would be harder for him to do his homework later, as he'd only be more tired. But he didn't want his Mom to think she had won and he had lost. If he did his homework now, he would be caving.

He also felt bad for yelling. After some time, he walked out of his room and decided he had the power to choose a different ending.

Des: Hey Mom, I wanted to say I'm sorry for yelling at you. I understand that it is important to do my homework and it's true that I don't need to play games right now.

Mom: I'm glad that you took some time to think about it.

Des: Um, can you help me? There are a few questions I don't understand and I think part of me was just trying to avoid it so that I don't look stupid.

Mom: You are never stupid for asking questions. It takes a lot of maturity to ask for help, so I'm proud of you. I understand how hard it can be when work piles up. Go get your books and let's get started.