

Introducing the Quotation:

Useful Phrases:

- According to _____, “ ... ”
- _____ once stated, “ ... ”

Your Notes:

Duke Edward once said, “The thing that impresses me the most about America is the way parents obey the children.”

Explaining the Meaning of Your Quotation:

Useful Phrases:

- In my view, this means ...
- For me, this quotation means that ...
- The writer seems to think/believe that ...
- In the writer’s opinion, ...

Your Notes:

For me, this quotation means that parents in the United States raise their children differently from people in other cultures. In Duke Edward’s opinion, he seems to believe that American parents are more relaxed about a child’s obedience compared to parents in his country. He seems to think that parents in his culture are stricter than parents in American culture. He seems to believe that stricter parents are also better parents.

Explaining Your Opinion on the Quotation:

Useful Phrases:

- I disagree/agree with the quotation because ...
- In my opinion, ...
- I personally feel that ... for several reasons. First, ... Second, ... Third, ...
- I think ...
- For example, ... To illustrate, ... For instance, ...

Your Notes:

I agree with the quotation because American parents seem to be more relaxed about their children’s discipline. For example, I lived in East Africa for about two years, and I noticed the way parents teach their children more respect and obedience there. Children in countries like Uganda or Ethiopia never question their parents’ authority. In the United States, children sometimes only obey their parents because the parents promise them a reward.

In my opinion, U.S. parents need to expect children to obey them without so many questions. I think children will be more respectful to both parents and other adults. As a result, if children obey their parents more at home, there will not be as many discipline problems in schools.