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### Mommy, are you getting a device?

Andrea Frazer

posted: January 21, 2009, 6:38 pm

in: [Mom Stories](#)

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Rex and I got into a pretty big blow out on Saturday. As usual, it was over something earth chattering and so vital to our personal sense of wellbeing that if we didn't stew and hem and haw and stomp and spit we wouldn't be doing ourselves personal justice something-really lame.

As is always the case with our arguments, we hadn't seen each much that week. Tensions were high, patience was low, expectations were different and of course, each of us were 100% right. Can you imagine the odds of two people seeing the same thing two completely different ways? Mind blowing!

Turns out a third person saw it pretty differently also. My son, who we thought was asleep, poked his little head through the stairs and said, "Mama, are you going to get a device?"

"I think you mean a 'divorce' babe." I explained what it meant, followed quickly by the assurance that we certainly weren't going to separate. We just had differences of opinion. "Like you and Pip sometimes do," I offered.

"Oh, so that means even if Papa hit you, you wouldn't get a divorce?"

I was floored by that statement. He's only six years old! But then I saw it through his eyes. He and his sister still, on occasion, get physical with each other when they're super frustrated. Luckily, like Rex and I bellowing at each other, this is not often at all.

"No, honey, I would never stay with someone who hit me," I explained, thinking I was helping instill the concept of self-respect in him. Instead, he burst out crying. "No, Mama! I don't want you to ever leave Papa! Even if he screams and hits and pushes you! NEVER!" Tears of devastation rolled down his cheeks.

I promised him I would not. What could I say? He doesn't understand the nuances of married relationships nor about why people get divorced. And why should he? He is so innocent.

I learned two valuable lessons that night.

1. Never, EVER, yell and scream at my husband in front of the kids. It doesn't mean I can't argue, but I will do it



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fairly. It's not about Rex and me only. If I can't keep my emotions in check than I've got to put everything else on the back burner until I calm down. This means dishes, housework, obligations to friends and family. Nothing is more important than staying grounded for my babies.

2. Never forget how much Rex and I mean to the kids. We are their world – their anchor. It's up to us to act responsible and, baring the truly negative impacts of a miserable marriage, keep up a united front.

I am not going to sit and judge those on these boards who have gotten a divorce. I truly believe that if you have kids and you separated, you did it for valid reasons. Happy parents make happy kids.

But in my case, so much of happiness with my spouse and me is a choice. A choice to not pick over the little things. To not put each other down. To continue to love what is good about each other, not what is flawed. And again, to NEVER to fall off the edge in front of our kids.

How about you? Any good old fashion fights with the spouse lately? If you got divorced, do you mind sharing why? Are you able to talk nicely to your kids about your ex?

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### 30 Responses to Mommy, are you getting a device?

1. [Jacqueline](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 7:18 pm

I got divorced because my ex was a total jerkhole. It was mostly mental craziness, but once he put his hands on me (and I was pregnant at the time!) I was finished!

My husband and I fight now, but after working out some MAAAJOR kinks the first six months, the fighting is vastly improved. It's down to a six on the richter scale 😊

2. [Mary Beth](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Oh sure we've gotten into pretty good fights in front of the kids. Nothing too big and they aren't very often. He is my very best friend and I would never hurt him with words. I don't worry too much about the kids seeing it cause they see us hug and kiss alot and they KNOW that we love eachother. My son asked about divorce only because my sister had left her husband and was staying with us and that was the first time he really heard of it. I feel kids need to see all parts of marriage that yes we fight and make up and that it is ok. I think that if couples didn't fight in front of the kids that when they grow up and have a fight with their spouse they will think "Gee my parents never faught so there must be something wrong here". No I don't mean knock down drag out bad fights just normal arguments. We have been very happily married for 16 years and when we are mad at eachother we get it out then and there and it's over pretty quickly.

3. [Rebecca](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 8:03 pm

Mary Beth, I agree with you. Our children need to see us making up, the ways we deal with arguments and confrontations, how to be assertive yet caring and find solutions to confrontations and arguments. Possibly... I'm just drawing from personal upbringing, experience and what I've just read... by displaying these skills when faced with confrontation, we are actually imparting a very valuable life lesson to them.

Thank you. I just learnt a very valuable lesson from reading Andrea's blog and the comments.

4. [Heidi](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 8:19 pm

We try not to, since they got enough of that with Bryans first marriage. But we do bicker. Nothing major, mostly stuff like "No, YOU said you grabbed it. Why am I the one who needs to remind you?"

I got divorced because my hubs wanted to control every. Single. Aspect of my life. And oh yeah, getting hit was a regular thing.

5. [Emily Ewart](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 9:00 pm

I hate fighting with Josh in front of an audience; airing our dirty laundry. I especially hate in front of the kids, since they pick up on and emulate our moods. We spent one day sniping at each other in whispers over the phone, only to make up later 😊 We've both kinda been on edge lately, family troubles (extended, not ours), and of course that never makes for a harmonious home 😊

6. [Andrea Frazer](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 10:22 pm

Hi all – I did a post on fighting a bit back, and so did another BC blogger. I'll link when I find out who.

I agree that normal fighting is good. Like Rebecca said, it teaches kids how to fight constructively. That's the key. Rex and my argument? Not the most constructive ever. How will I teach my kids to not be mean if we can't refrain from being so?

Thanks.

7. [Sprite's Keeper](#) says:  
January 21, 2009 at 11:28 pm

I'm all about showing the kids how to fight constructively and make up as well. My parents did argue in front

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of us, and make up as well. My husband's parents never did, so John wasn't used to verbally duking it out and thought our relationship was doomed in the first year. Luckily, he learned that arguing sometimes can lead a relationship to another level, not end it.

8. **Kingsmom** says:  
January 21, 2009 at 11:34 pm

This is an area that we really need to work on. Although we never really "get into it" we do have our arguments. I have a tendency to get defensive and raise my voice. I need to learn to pick my battles and save the "discussions" for after The King goes to bed.  
Good post Andrea. Thanks.

9. **Johanna** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 2:14 am

My husband and I used to fight more – and always over usually pretty stupid stuff. One reason we stopped is that even though my older son never paid much attention when we bickered, my daughter is very sensitive to it. One time when we were arguing I started to cry. She was only 3 but ran over and hugged me, which got my son to hug me, which got my husband to feel horrible. Afterwards my daughter would say "remember when Daddy made you crying?" Ever since then we've managed to keep it under control – a quick bicker – and out and done.

I don't mind if my daughter actually sees me crying, but why get her upset if it's about something minor?

10. **Rachel** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 2:17 am

Wow! So are we talking full blown yelling, name calling, belittling the other person fights? Or is it more a tense discussion about something the 2 of you disagree on? B/c no child should ever see his/her parents treating the other person like the first scenario. The key in any relationship is respect and kids need to learn that. The first scenario doesn't do anything for anyone. Again, it helps neither the child seeing or even just hearing the fight nor the 2 of you fighting w/ anything. Now overcoming a disagreement and getting upset w/ each other but then LISTENING and calming down is constructive for all involved.

My parents had some roes while I was growing up but it was mainly the latter. It got worse once I moved out but everything is good now. They were both willing to work out their issues and came up w/ solutions-moving 7 hours away so my dad could get into a better employment situation helped tremendously.

My DH's parents are like the first scenario. They yell and scream and belittle the other person whether or not the kids can hear. The only thing its accomplished is for my DH's siblings to fight-a lot. DH fought w/ his older borther b/c his older brother couldn't handle the environment. DH learned to ignore the fighting and is really good at brushing little things off. He has 3 younger siblings ages 18, 13 and 11 and they fight all the time. The 18 and 13 year boys are getting to the point where the don't as much but its awful. The 13 year old picks on his younger sister so much she cries. No, fighting in front of your kids solves nothing and teaches them nothing about conflict resolution. You're not resolving your conflict so how would it teach them to solve theirs?

11. **Andrea Frazer** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 2:20 am

Rachel – I wouldn't say Rex and I belittled each other. We're not that type. But I did raise my voice pretty loud at which he yelled back. There was, um, a door slam. Nothing horrifically vocal in terms of name calling, but heated? Yes. Really lame. I'm not honestly worried about permanent damage – it rarely happens. But I don't want it to happen again. Constructive arguing? Sure. Why not. It happens.

12. **Tori** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 9:48 am

I understand why people want their children to see them arguing constructively and making up so their kids can learn how to deal with difficult situations. But all growing up I hated seeing my mom and dad argue, because I always thought they were arguing over such stupid things. I thought that they got upset with each other way too easily and it really annoyed me. They have really come a long way. The other day they were arguing in hushed voices and then I came into the room and they smiled and answered my questions, then I assume resumed their discussion when I left. Oh how I would have so much preferred that way of arguing when I was a kid.

So I'd like to avoid any arguing in front of my kids. It's not like we'll never disagree in front of them, but getting super annoyed at stupid things--yeah, I'd prefer to save that for later. By then maybe emotions will have cooled down anyway. My daughter is 9 mos., so we are just getting to the point where we are thinking about this sort of stuff. It also helps that we don't argue a lot, we tend to sulk--not that that's better, it just means we don't have raised-voices, lashing out arguments very often.

13. Pingback: [I don't like you Mommy | My Wicked Flix](#)

14. **Leigh** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 11:23 am

Our five year olds reactions to our "verbal fights" forced us to be more aware that not only were we hurting each other, but we were also hurting the one we love the most. Although we still have the occasional blow out, they are no longer as often as they once were. Our love for our son forced us to take a look at our triggers and communicate better with one another.

15. **Jennifer** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 11:55 am

My husband and I typically don't have full out fights in front of the kids. We may have the occassional disagreement; but it's usually resolved fairly easily and quickly. If there is something big, it's usually saved until the kids are in bed, and even then there isn't a huge blowout – mostly a discussion because we've both had time to think about what we're really arguing about.

My hubby grew up with his parents fighting ALL the time (they still do) – and it's ALWAYS a huge fight. They scream at each other, call each other names – mostly my FIL screaming at my MIL and saying horrible things in a very demeaning way. All of the kids and grandkids have been subjected to this for quite some



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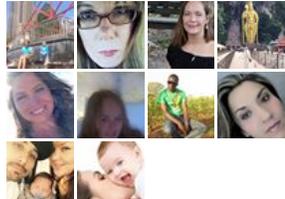
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time and seem to be very immune to it at this point. It kind of scares me because it doesn't phase my daughter but she does see much healthier relationships beyond them so hopefully it doesn't have any lasting effects on her.

My hubby and I have spoken at great length about the effects his parents fighting have had on all of the kids as well as the grandkids at this point. I have also let him know that this kind of fighting is not tolerated and if he starts out with a tone or comment like his father does to his mother, I walk out of the room so he understands what he's doing. I'm really hoping that we can instill a better sense of what is right and wrong for fighting in a relationship for our children's sake.

16. **Tia** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 2:47 pm

My three year old is sooo cute-she will hear us argue in the car and say "mommy be nice to daddy, daddy be nice to mommy" in her adorable little voice.

My husband and I would look at each other as she starts to say it and we'd have tears in our eyes at her innocent love.

We usually say sorry to each other so she can hear and then kiss for her to see.

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16. **Keow** says:  
January 22, 2009 at 7:22 pm

I think it's good for the kids to see fighting every once in a while just as long as you remember that they're observing. My parents never fought in front of my sister and me so it came as a shock when they divorced. My husband's parents never fought with one another in front of their children and so my husband doesn't know how to deal with confrontations or situations where I become upset. I also agree that it's very important for them to see parents to make up as well. They should see that arguing is healthy for a relationship and how to deal with disagreements.

17. **Beth** says:  
January 23, 2009 at 2:08 am

I think you need to allow your children to see that marriage isn't always sunshine and rainbows all the time, but there's a point where they're too little to get it and they're not gaining anything from the experience but anxiety.

The first time I recall my parents irrationally disagreeing with each other, I think I was 10 or 12. At that point, I was old enough not to assume they were going to get a divorce just because they raised their voices. Had I been 5 or 6, it would have terrified me.

I also wouldn't share the finer points of household budgeting with a pre-schooler even though I think that's also an important part of marriage. They don't have enough discretion at that age to be privy to that sort of information. You can't just let it all hang out in front of the kids, you need to keep in mind what's age appropriate.

18. **Grace** says:  
January 23, 2009 at 3:36 am

So, we are not really on the same level here because our daughter is only four months old. Still, this came up the other day. The only thing we ever really seriously argue about is money and lately that has been a kind of regular occurrence (like with a lot of couples these days). We were on our way home from circuit city when it started up again. We didn't yell or anything (and thus I thought it was okay) but the air was tense and we were obviously not happy with each other. This is not the usual atmosphere. Aura started to cry and was fussy the whole way home. When we got home I decided that we shouldn't argue in front of her anymore, even if we are calm. I hate fighting with him anyway, but especially for her sake. I don't want her to feel that anger and tension between the two people who love her most. Besides, it might become habit and then she might witness it often when she is older.

19. **Sandra** says:  
January 23, 2009 at 12:33 pm

I got divorced because he was a selfish, self centered, arrogant, controlling jerk. He wanted to control all aspects of my life. Not just with money, but as well as my relationship with my family. Not to mention he was over an hour late to pick me up from the hospital after I had just given birth to his second child. That was certainly not an example of a man I wanted my girls to end up with. I am extremely blessed to have found my current husband who loves and respects me, my opinions, and my girls. A happy mother and respectful father figure is what I want my girls to see. We are equals in our marriage and love and respect each other fully. Sure we get into petty arguments, but never to the extent that the children have to worry about us ever separating. I think a difference of opinion is healthy in a relationship. Keeps it fresh!

20. **Daria** says:  
January 23, 2009 at 1:13 pm

I had the opposite when I was little – I never heard my parents fight at all. Then, out of the blue, they divorced. I couldn't understand it at all. I believe that it's okay to disagree in front of the kids, as long as it's appropriate and not mean. They pay so much more attention to us than we realize and I want to set a good example.

21. **Brooke G** says:  
January 23, 2009 at 4:46 pm



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Ohhhh... your poor little guy!!!! It is important to remember that we (parents) are the whole world to our little ones. We need to always TRY (although very tough sometimes) to keep their world calm, orderly and most importantly secure. Your posts are very honest. I admire that!

22. *Marshall* says:  
January 24, 2009 at 5:57 am

I feel I must comment on the statements made by Sandra (#20). She states some of the reasons for her divorce and criticizes her children's father. She goes on to state

"That was certainly not an example of a man I wanted my girls to end up with". I am extremely blessed to have found my current husband who loves and respects me, my opinions, and my girls. A happy mother and respectful father figure is what I want my girls to see."

It seems as if Sandra believes she is the dictator of who her children's father is. This type of attitude is nothing less than a form of child abuse. Your children have a right to their father, regardless of how you feel about him.

23. *Angie* says:  
January 24, 2009 at 7:08 am

We definitely argue but we always make up and explain to our daughter it's normal to disagree just like she disagrees with us MOST of the time....lol. We were at my cousin's for the holidays and she witnessed a big blowout with my cousin and her hubby. He was screaming and talking horribly to her and actually said he would put her through the wall. He also called her a c word for privates and told her to cut the crap before he broke her face. My daughter was horrified but her kids seemed to take it all in stride which made me terribly sad. I had to restrain myself from butting in but did tell them "Let's get along. It's Christmas.", and ushered the kids out of the room. Weeks later my daughter was still mentioning it which shows how devastating it is to kids.

24. *Mae* says:  
January 26, 2009 at 11:35 am

My husband and I both grew up in homes with full on physical fighting, and verbal yelling and fighting almost constantly.

Not something we really want to pass on to our kids.

So normally? We get over things really really fast.

Our daughter knows mommy and daddy don't always agree, but we agree to disagree and compromise and move on.

Normally we get along really well, cept when things get really stressful.

Right now we're moving have THREE DAYS to get moved and we're not even REMOTELY moved. Plus I'm pregnant with twins and have a toddler to chase so life is VERY STRESSFUL right now.

So unfortunately...it led to a big argument. TRIED not to argue around our daughter (usually wait till she's asleep) but this time she was awake and had to be right between. I felt so guilty. She kept running from one of us to the other, giving us hugs, and being silly trying to make us laugh.

Finally? I just walked away from the argument and went in the bedroom and played with our daughter and assured her everything was ok.

Our daughter still loves us both, and I don't think we did any permanant damage.

But I try really really hard not to argue around my child.

25. *Pamela* says:  
January 27, 2009 at 11:06 pm

When we argue in our home, our son says, don't speak angry, and puts his hands over his ears and goes to each of us and says stop talking. It's so scary-sad! But we never argued as much as AFTER we had a kid!! And most arguements are about our different views on raising our son. We also notice that when we are together with our son, he is much less well behaved than when he is just with one of us.

For only about a week, now, hope it goes on forever, hubby and I have FINALLY committed to being on the same page, checking with each other on what we tell our son (i.e. he can or can't have a sweet snack), and setting stricter boundaries with our son – stopping the whining or interruptions rather than putting up with them till we stress-out. Wow, what a difference – we are happier and son is happier and better behaved – it's a huge change almost overnight!

26. *Maggie* says:  
January 28, 2009 at 4:10 pm

my daughter is 2  
we separated when she was 8 month's old  
he had been deceitful and i asked him to leave  
never owned up and we are almost legally divorced  
i am much happier NOT being married to him and his verbal abuse but, it has been a MOST difficult transition  
my dreams and hopes of m,y family were shattered and i am in the process of rebuilding them  
that's hard  
my daughter seems fine  
she lives w/ me full-time and sees her Dad a fair share  
he adores her and i play fair and want her to have a great relationship w/ him

27. *Deanna* says:  
January 29, 2009 at 8:24 am

My ex husband & I didn't get divorced because of fighting. We actually never fought at all. We got divorced because we realized we didn't love eachother. Which sounds simple, but it's not. We are now VERY good



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friends and still raise our 2 children together.

My DH & I now have simple arguments in front of the kids from time to time. It's hardly ever more than that, although, there has been a few I wish wouldn't have been. I think, to a certain degree, it's healthy for them to see us disagree and make up. We are so affectionate with each other all of the time, and with our children, that even in the disagreements, I don't think there is any damage done. If there is need for a big argument, we take it to the bedroom. Or it has to wait until there are no kids at home.

We have a very good relationship with my ex and his fiance, and I think that does a lot of good for my step children as well.

28. *Debbs* says:  
January 31, 2009 at 12:34 pm

OMG! Thank you for such an honest post. My husband of 10 yrs and I had a major blowup on fri am...In front of the kids. I thought I was the only (&worst) parent in the world. Between working full time shift work and raising two kids, ect.. We are ok and trying to focus on the things we love about each other instead of focusing on the negative things..Communication is our magic key. Oh, by the way, I think it is healthy for kids to see their parents argue and make-up in an acceptable way. I think it helps them be functioning adults who can handle conflict.. Thanks for letting me ramble! 😊

29. *Stephanie* says:  
February 4, 2009 at 1:26 am

My husband and I have been married for almost 4 years. He is in the Army and is gone most of the time. But when he is home arguments do tend to happen. I for one have a major problem because I have to be right all the time. This to me is selfish of myself. We have fought in front of our son before and it killed me to see the look on his face. Our son is 4 and he has asked me if me and daddy are going to get a divorce. I told him eventhough mommy and daddy fight we love each other very much and would never separate over something so little. This was really hard for me to tell him because at the time his daddy was deployed to Iraq. Our son is really starting to catch on to things more quickly than usual. He is a very smart boy.

As I was a child my parents fought alot. More my father as the instigator than my mother. My mother tried to keep it calm in the house for us kids. My father would say very hurtful things. I actually hoped for my parents to get a divorce because I wanted my mother to be happy and I could tell that when my father was around she was not. She did very well at trying to hide it though. Oddly as it seems I thank my father for being the ass he was because it has shaped me to be a better person than he was. I maybe a little hard headed at times but I believe that I have gotten better at it over the years. Granted I am only 24 years old, have a marriage and 2 kids under my belt,I have had to grow up quickly. But honestly I would not change any moment of my life. Everything happens for a reason.

In conclusion, respectful fighting would be good for children to see for the simple factor of learning how to deal with it in the future. I would try to explain what and why the fight happened(depending on the child's age). And then ask if they had any questions and do my best to give them the right and helpful answers.

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