

**cheeky** ['tʃi:ki]  
**insolent** ['ɪnsələnt]  
**touchy** ['tʌtʃi]  
**get by**  
**shortcomings** [ˈʃɔ:tkʌmɪŋz]

**Would it be possible for a major financial company to get by without a single computer? Why?**

*No, it wouldn't be possible for a major financial company to get by without a single computer because most financial transactions are made on the computer.*

**Do you think that all politicians should be able to get by in at least one foreign language? Why?**

*Yes, I think all politicians should be able to get by in at least one foreign language because very often they represent their country abroad and should be able to communicate with other politicians.*

**What do you think the reason is that today's children are becoming more and more cheeky?**

*The reason that today's children are becoming more and more cheeky is that parents have become less strict with their children.*

**If one of your classmates was very cheeky to your teacher, would you frown upon their attitude?**

*If one of my classmates was very cheeky to my teacher, I would frown upon their attitude.*

**What do you think of children or teenagers making insolent remarks to the elderly?**

*I think children or teenagers who make insolent remarks to the elderly are rude.*

**Have you ever been insolent to your parents? How did they react?**

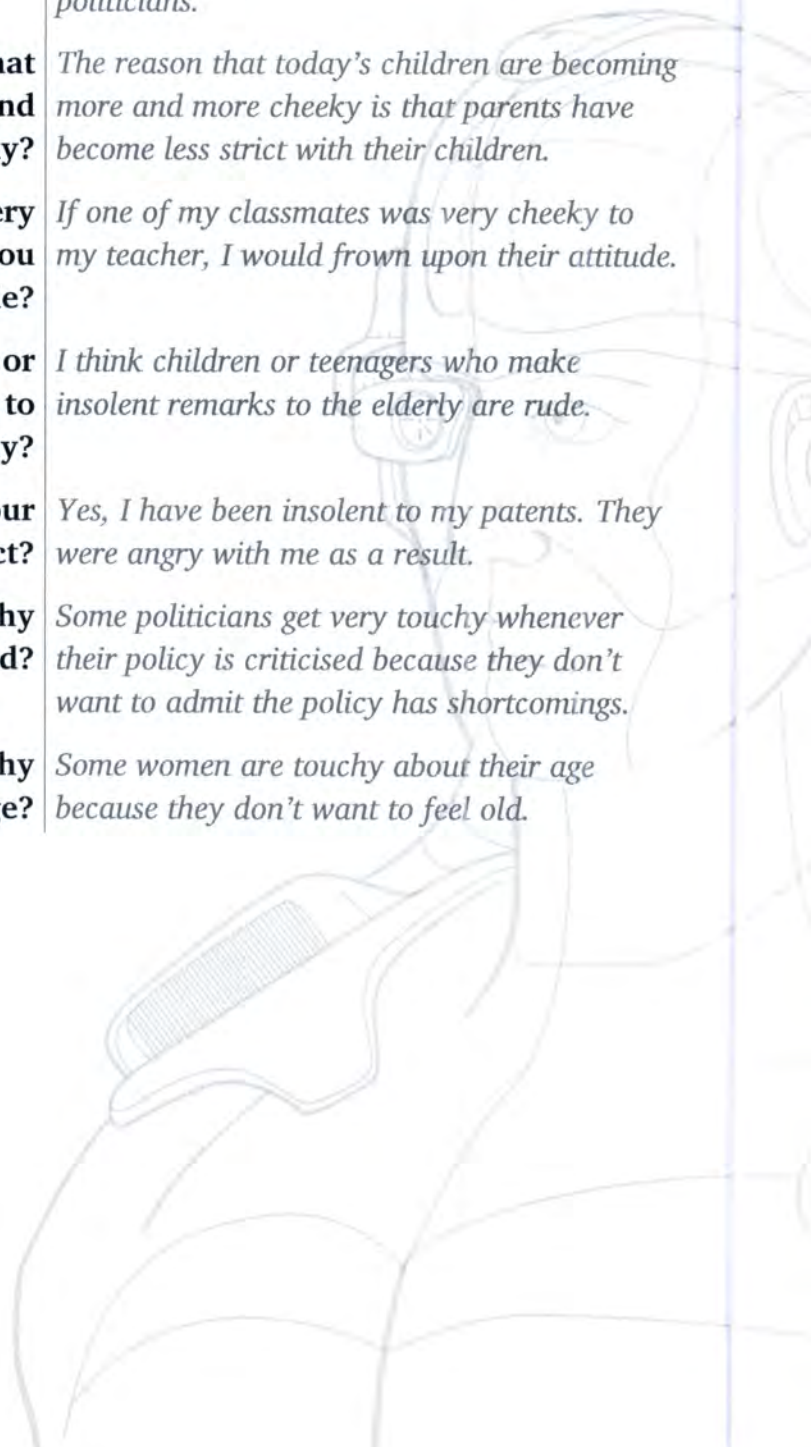
*Yes, I have been insolent to my parents. They were angry with me as a result.*

**Why do some politicians get very touchy whenever their policy is criticised?**

*Some politicians get very touchy whenever their policy is criticised because they don't want to admit the policy has shortcomings.*

**Why are some women touchy about their age?**

*Some women are touchy about their age because they don't want to feel old.*



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lesson

**windfall** ['wɪndfɔ:l]  
**bounty** ['baʊnti]  
**perk** [pɜ:k]  
**kitty** ['kɪti]

**When was the last time you got a windfall? Describe the situation.**

*The last time I got a windfall was two months ago. I won some money in the lottery.*

**If you inherited one million dollars would you consult any financial institutions on how to spend your windfall?**

*Yes, I would consult some financial institutions on how to spend my windfall if I inherited one million dollars.*

**Do the police offer bounties for capturing criminals these days?**

*Yes, the police sometimes offer bounties for capturing criminals these days.*

**Have you ever put any money into a kitty to cover the costs of somebody's operation?**

*No, I have never put any money into a kitty to cover the costs of somebody's operation.*

**If people are renting a flat together is it more economical if they all put a bit in the kitty each week for the basics, or should they keep their money separate?**

*I think it's more economical if people who are renting a flat together, put a bit in the kitty each week for the basics.*

**Apart from easy access to the cinema and theatre, what would you say were the perks of living in a big city?**

*I would say, educational opportunities and job opportunities were the perks of living in a big city.*

**What perks usually come with the post of manager in a company?**

*Many challenges and a good salary are perks that come with the post of manager in a company.*

**equivocal** [ɪ'kwɪvəkəl]  
**perplex** [pə'pleks]  
**blunder** ['blʌndə]  
**incoherent** [ɪnkəʊ'hɪərənt]

<b>What's the opposite of equivocal?</b>	<i>The opposite of equivocal is unequivocal.</i>
<b>Do you agree that equivocal answers are typical of politicians?</b>	<i>Yes, I agree that equivocal answers are typical of politicians.</i>
<b>Can you think of a situation that would perplex a religious person?</b>	<i>A religious person would be perplexed if someone asked them to prove God's existence.</i>
<b>Would you be perplexed if your parents decided to get divorced after thirty years of marriage?</b>	<i>Yes, I would be perplexed if my parents decided to get divorced after thirty years of marriage.</i>
<b>If your English teacher told you your essay was highly incoherent, what would it mean?</b>	<i>If my English teacher told me my essay was highly incoherent, it would mean it was illogical and the ideas were badly joined together.</i>
<b>When a politician is no longer able to deliver coherent speeches, do you think it's high time they retired?</b>	<i>Yes, I think that when a politician is no longer able to deliver coherent speeches it's high time they retired.</i>
<b>How do people generally feel after they have made a blunder?</b>	<i>People generally feel embarrassed after they have made a blunder.</i>



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<p><b>be inclined to something</b> [m'klaɪnd]  <b>give credence to</b> ['kri:dns]  <b>buy</b>  <b>keep in with somebody</b></p>	
<p><b>Are you inclined to the view that peace in the Middle East can be achieved?</b></p>	<p><i>Yes, I am inclined to the view that peace in the Middle East can be achieved.</i></p>
<p><b>Why do people give credence to gossip so often?</b></p>	<p><i>People give credence to gossip so often because they are naïve.</i></p>
<p><b>Would you give credence to the findings of a survey on the popularity of the government if the survey was carried out by a government-related organisation? Why?</b></p>	<p><i>I wouldn't give credence to the findings of a survey on the popularity of the government if the survey was carried out by a government-related organisation because the findings might not be objective.</i></p>
<p><b>If you told your teacher that you didn't have your homework, because the dog had eaten it, do you think they would buy it?</b></p>	<p><i>No, I don't think my teacher would buy it if I told him that I didn't have my homework because the dog had eaten it.</i></p>
<p><b>Were you able to pretend that you were ill so that your parents bought it and let you stay at home instead of going to school?</b></p>	<p><i>Yes, I was able to pretend that I was ill so that my parents bought it and let me stay at home instead of going to school.</i></p>
<p><b>Would you keep in with your ex-employer in case you needed a reference?</b></p>	<p><i>Yes, I would keep in with my ex-employer in case I needed a reference.</i></p>
<p><b>Do you think it's possible to keep in with one's ex-girlfriend/ex-boyfriend?</b></p>	<p><i>Yes, I think it's possible to keep in with one's ex-girlfriend/ex-boyfriend.</i></p>