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Respond to Domestic Violence

Study Guide



SEASON 1

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Respond to Domestic Violence

**Erica is in a play about domestic violence.
In the play, her husband is abusing her.**



**What can she do?
Where can she go?
Who can help her?**

Who We Are

We are ACTORS in a theater.



My name is Asad.
I play a little boy
named Billy.



My name is Abdul.
I play
Billy's grandfather.



My name is Erica.
I play
Billy's mother.



My name is Julie.
I play
Billy's aunt.



My name is Renata.
I play
a police officer.

The Actors Get Their Roles

Yumi is the director of a play about a family.



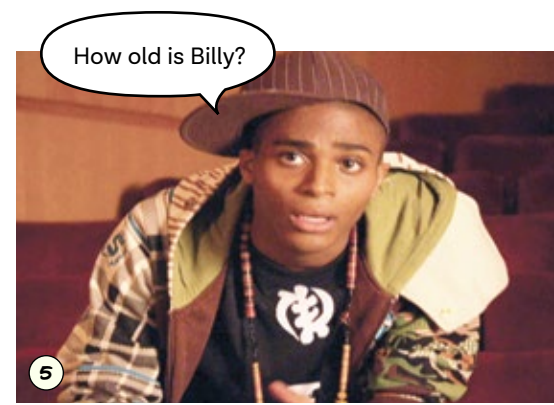
Welcome back, everyone.
Our new play is about a very
important, but difficult, subject.



Erica,
you are going
to play the mother.



Asad,
you are going to play
a little boy named Billy.

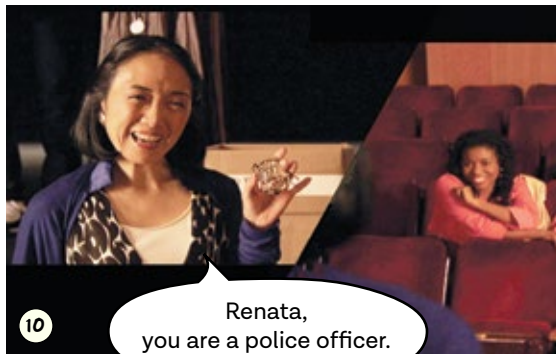
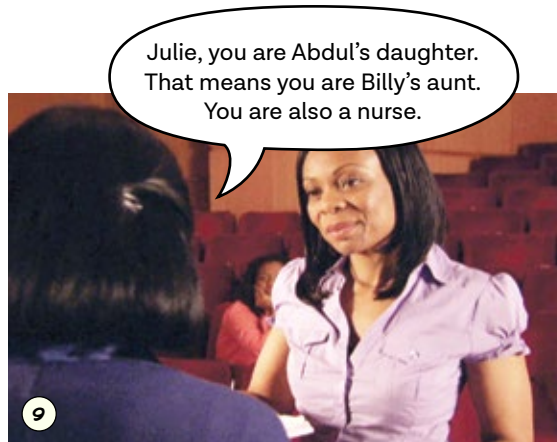


How old is Billy?



Seven.
And that's your bear.

roles = characters in a play



The actors don't know the story.
The director tells the actors to learn their lines.



lines = words the actors say

Scene 1: Billy and the Bear

The play begins.



scene = a part of a play

Scene 2: Grandfather with His Daughter

That night, the Grandfather talks with his daughter (Billy's aunt).



He tells her about Billy.
She tells him not to worry.



But Grandfather is worried about Billy's mother.



Scene 3: Grandfather and Billy's Mother

The next day, Grandfather asks a difficult question.



Billy's mother doesn't know what to say.



Grandfather finds out the truth.



Scene 4: You Are Not Alone

Billy's aunt listens and gives good advice.



Billy's mother is worried – she doesn't have immigration papers.



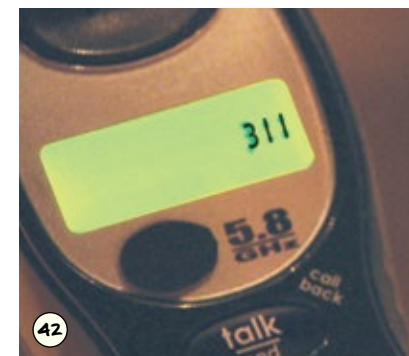
Billy's mother can get help.



She thinks about it.

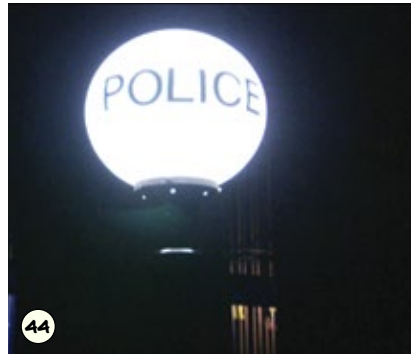


She makes the call.



Scene 5: At the Police Station

The two women also get information from a police officer.



They explain the problem.



The police officer can help.



In New York City, she doesn't need "papers" to get help.



What Can You Do?

The play is over. The actors speak to the audience about domestic violence.



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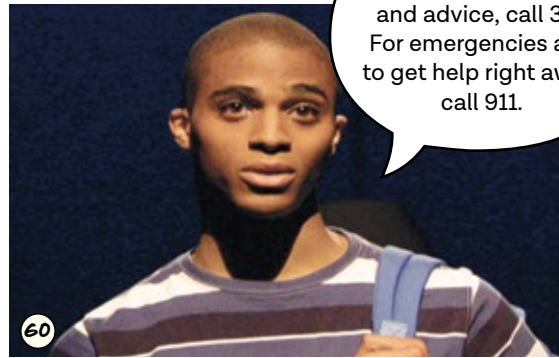
Domestic violence affects people of every nationality, in every community.

It is not your fault. If you are a victim of domestic violence, do not feel bad about yourself.



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For information and advice, call 311. For emergencies and to get help right away, call 911.

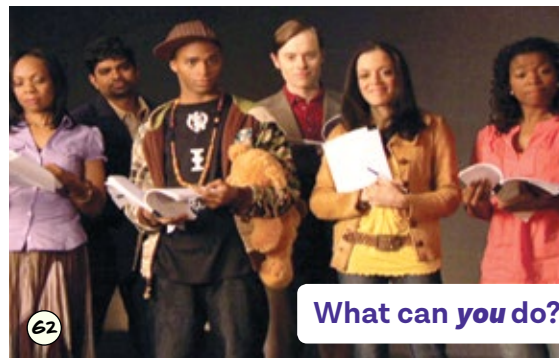


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People working together can help stop domestic violence.



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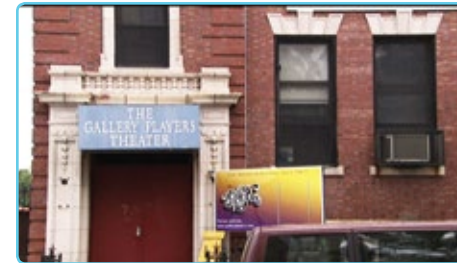
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What can you do?

This story is only one example of domestic violence and responding to domestic violence. This happens in all types of relationships, between current and former partners of any genders or sexual orientations. For more information and help, please visit www.nyc.gov/nychope.

Talking about Theater

Look at the pictures. Read the sentences. Say the words.



A **play** is a show in a theater. This play has five scenes. A **scene** is a part of a play.



The **director** is in charge of the play. The director tells the actors what to do.



First, the actors read the **script**. The script has the **lines**—the words the actors say.



Next, the actors **rehearse** the play. They practice again and again. The actors must learn their lines.



The **audience** comes to see the play. Sometimes they laugh. Sometimes they cry.

Who We Are

Match the character with the description. Follow the example.

1. • I tell Billy's mother about calling 311. • I go with her to the police station. • I am a nurse. • I am an aunt, a daughter and a sister-in-law. **Who am I?** Billy's aunt
2. • I take care of Billy after school. • I am worried that my son is an abuser. • I am a grandfather, a father and a father-in-law. **Who am I?** _____
3. • I am afraid of my husband. • I don't have my "papers." • I am a mother, a wife, a daughter-in-law and a sister-in-law. **Who am I?** _____
4. • I stay with my grandfather after school. • I hit my bear, and it's not a game. • I am a son, a grandson and a nephew. **Who am I?** _____
5. • I protect people who need my help. • I wear a uniform to work. • I give advice to Billy's mother and his aunt. **Who am I?** _____



Billy



~~Billy's aunt~~



Billy's mother



Billy's grandfather



police officer

What Happens?

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

asks • is playing • is worried • ~~sees~~ • thinks

1. Billy's grandfather sees Billy hit his bear. He asks Billy why he is hitting his bear.
2. Billy says that he _____ a game. He explains that sometimes Daddy hits Mommy.
3. Billy's grandfather _____.
4. That night, Billy's grandfather _____ his daughter for advice.
5. His daughter _____ that Billy sees violence on TV. She doesn't want her father to say anything.

doesn't know • go • help • must • suggests

6. Billy's grandfather decides he _____ do something. The next day, he talks to Billy's mother.
7. Billy's mother says that she _____ what to do. She doesn't have immigration papers.
8. Billy's aunt _____ that they call 311.
9. Billy's mother and aunt call 311. They also _____ to a police station.
10. The police officer says that the police _____ all people, with or without immigration papers.

Where Is It?

Find these things in the story.

Write the page number(s). Follow the example.



- 1. teddy bear pages 2, 3, 4
- 2. script _____
- 3. baseball cap _____
- 4. couch _____
- 5. lamp _____
- 6. dinner plates _____
- 7. 311 _____
- 8. desk _____
- 9. audience _____

props = things that actors use to help tell the story

Talking about Domestic Violence

Find the meaning. Follow the example.



- 1. domestic violence _____ immediately
- 2. abuse _____ without hope
- 3. scared 1 _____ when someone is being hurt by a family member or friend
- 4. doesn't let _____ suggestions
- 5. emergency phone number _____ mad
- 6. advice _____ harm or hurt
- 7. right away _____ doesn't allow or permit
- 8. angry _____ 911
- 9. hopeless _____ afraid

Talking about Domestic Violence

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.



angry • easy • hitting • hopeless • husband • supposed to

Grandfather: This is not (1) easy for me to ask.
But yesterday, I heard Billy say that Daddy hits Mommy.
Is this true? Is my son (2) _____ you?

Mother: Hitting me? My (3) _____ loves me.
You know how he is. He just gets (4) _____
sometimes.

Grandfather: And what does he do when he gets angry?

Mother: What am I (5) _____ do?
I feel so (6) _____.

Talking about Domestic Violence

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.



- abusing
- help
- money
- trouble
- ~~crime~~
- let
- scared
- worry

Police Officer: Please sit down. Do you want to report a (1) crime?

Billy's Aunt: Well... not exactly. We have a "friend." And we think her husband is (2) _____ her.

Police Officer: You have come to the right place. It is my job to (3) _____ women like your friend.
Can you tell me what's going on?

Billy's Aunt: He doesn't (4) _____ her see her friends. And her husband takes all the (5) _____ from her paychecks.

Police Officer: Well, those are often signs of (6) _____.

Billy's Mother: But she doesn't have her immigration papers. She doesn't know what to do. She is (7) _____.

Police Officer: Your friend doesn't have to (8) _____.
She does not need to have "papers." Here in New York, we help everyone.

Talking about Domestic Violence



have to = necessary **don't have to** = not necessary

Circle **have to** or **don't have to**. Follow the example.

- You **have to** / **don't have to** call 911 in an emergency.
You must get help right away.
- You **have to** / **don't have to** live with domestic violence.
You can get help from family, the police and city agencies.
- You **have to** / **don't have to** think first about your safety.
You can ask for emergency shelter for you and your children.
- You **have to** / **don't have to** tell the police your immigration status. The police help everyone—people with “papers” and people without “papers.”
- You **have to** / **don't have to** solve the problem yourself.
You can call 311 for more help.
- You **have to** / **don't have to** be afraid to ask for help.
You can get help 24 hours a day from the Domestic Violence Hotline.
The number is 1-800-621-4673.

emergency shelter = a safe place to stay

Good Question!

Put the words in order.
Follow the example.



- old • Billy • is • How • ?

How old is Billy?

- about • What • this • play • is • ?
-

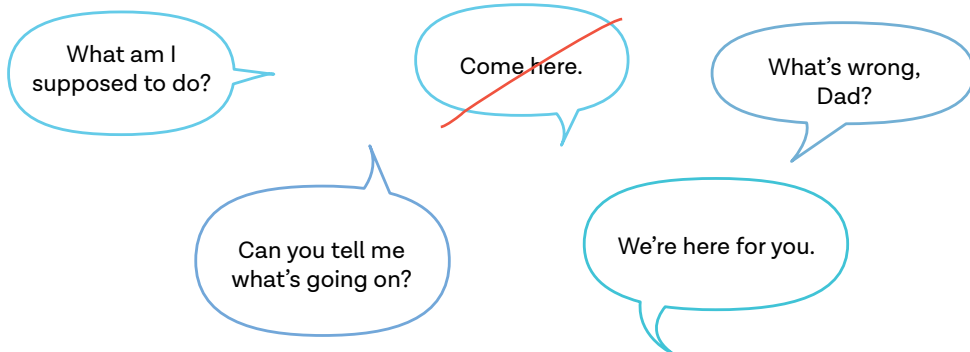
- wrong • What • is • ?
-

- supposed to • What • I • am • do • ?
-

- tell • Can • you • what • is • me • going on • ?
-

Practice saying these questions out loud.

What Can You Say?



What can you say? Follow the example.

1. You are **Billy's grandfather**. Ask Billy to sit near you.

Come here.

2. You are **Billy's aunt**. Tell Billy's mother that she is not alone.
-

3. You are **Billy's aunt**. Ask your father why he is worried.
-

4. You are **the police officer**. Ask about the problem.
-

5. You are **Billy's mother**. You feel hopeless. Ask for advice.
-

Say the words out loud—like actors in a play!

What Can You Do?



**It's an emergency.
You don't have "papers."**

Call 911 in an emergency. You don't need "papers" to get help.
Ask for an interpreter.
Say: *I speak* _____.

**Your husband hits you,
but you are safe right now.
You don't have "papers."**

Call 311 for information. You don't need "papers" to get help.
Ask for an interpreter.
Say: *I speak* _____.

**Your friend is being abused,
but she is safe right now.
She doesn't have "papers."**

Talk to your friend. Make sure she's safe.
Call 311 for information. She doesn't need "papers" to get help.
Ask for an interpreter.
Say: *I speak* _____.

Watch the Show

Who says it?

Watch **Respond to Domestic Violence**. Listen carefully.
Find out who says these lines.

Who says it?

1. "Don't worry about me. I am just tired.
I have been working overtime this week." _____
2. "I need to ask you a question. And I want you
to be honest." _____
3. "311? This is a family problem. Can 311 help?" _____
4. "They said I should not talk about this.
But this is happening to my sister." _____
5. "I will not raise my child in a home
where people hurt each other." _____
6. "If you are here on your husband's visa,
there is help for you. But you have to ask for it." _____



Renata
(police officer)



Erica
(Billy's mother)



Abdul
(Billy's grandfather)



Julie
(Billy's aunt)

Domestic violence is a crime. In New York City, everyone can get help.

Watch the Show

What's going on?

What do you think is going on in these pictures?



Watch **We Speak NYC**
Respond to Domestic Violence
to find out what is going on.

Go to www.nyc.gov/WeSpeakNYC

Tell the Story

Use these words to tell a friend about **Respond to Domestic Violence**.



Find 5 family words.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Word picture: www.wordle.net/

What You Can Say If You Need Help



If you need help, you can say:

- I need help.
- I need information about domestic violence.
- I want to talk to someone.
- I am being abused.
- I need an interpreter.
I speak _____.

What You Can Say To Help Someone

If you know someone who needs help, you can say:

- What's going on?
- Are you okay?
- Can you tell me what's going on?
- What's wrong?
- You can talk to me anytime.
- You are not alone.
- I need information about domestic violence.
- I need an interpreter.
I speak _____.



What You Can Do To Get Help

- **Call 911 in an emergency.** You don't need to speak English. Ask for your language.
Say: *I speak _____.*
- **Call 311** for free, 24 hours a day. You don't need to speak English. Ask for your language.
Say: *I speak _____.*
- **Call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-4673.** Ask for an interpreter.
Say: *I need an interpreter. I speak _____.* Ask about emergency shelter for you and your children.
- If you have a friend who needs help, talk to her and ask if she's okay. Help her get good advice. Call 311 for information.
- **Keep the victim safe.** Don't talk to the abuser before talking to the victim.
- **Go to a center.** The New York City Family Justice Centers (FJCs) provide civil legal, counseling and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence, elder abuse and sex trafficking.
- Learn more about these **New York City resources** for victims of domestic violence:

www.safehorizon.org
www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence
www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you can get help. You are not alone.

What You Can Do To Learn More English

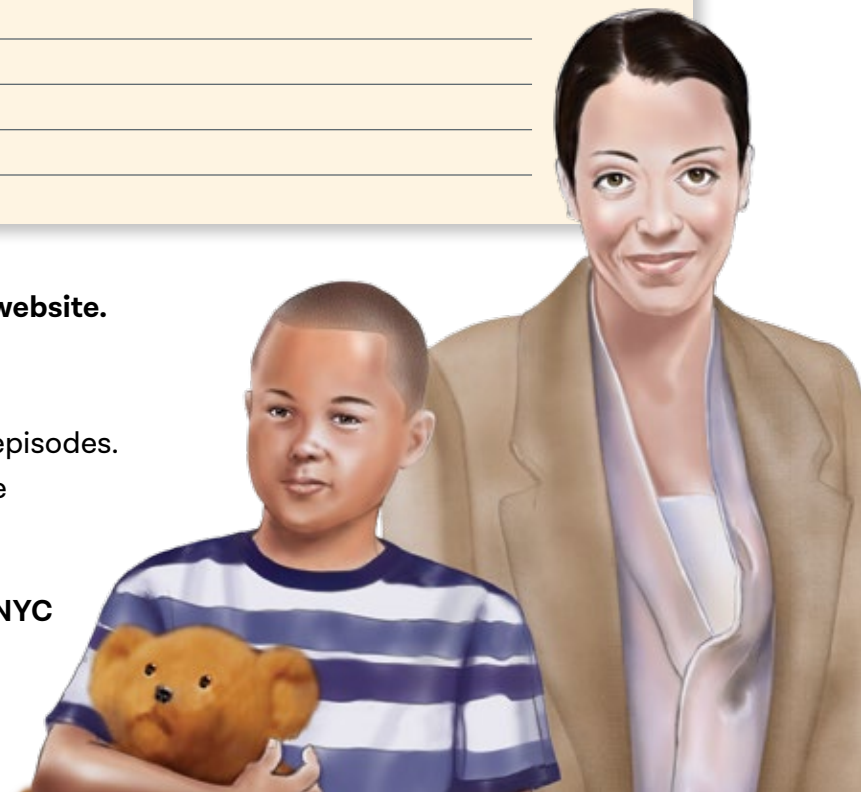
- ✓ Get together with friends who are learning English, too. Watch **We Speak NYC** together. Do the exercises together.
- ✓ Read the story out loud with a friend—like actors on TV! It's a good way to learn.
- ✓ Go to your local public library. To find the nearest library, call 311 or go to www.nypl.org, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org or www.queenslibrary.org.
- ✓ If you have a high school diploma and want to improve your English and start college, go to www.clip.cuny.edu or www.cuny.edu.

- ✓ Make a list of words and expressions you learned from **Respond to Domestic Violence**.

Visit the We Speak NYC website.

- Read the Study Guides.
- Practice your English.
- Watch videos of all the episodes.
- Read about your favorite characters!

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Dictionary: Translation of Key Words

Go to [www.nyc.gov/We SpeakNYC](http://www.nyc.gov/WeSpeakNYC) to learn more.

English	Español	中文	Русский	বাংলা	العربية
1. abuse, to abuse	maltrato, maltratar	虐待	жестокое обращение, жестоко обращаться	নির্ধাতন, নির্ধাতন করা	إيذاء. يؤذي
2. beat/hit/kick	pegar/golpear/patear	打/擊/踢	бить/ударять/пинать	পেটানো/আঘাত করা/লাথি মারা	ضرب/لطم/ركل
3. domestic violence	violencia doméstica	家庭暴力	домашнее насилие	পারিবারিক নির্ধাতন	عنف منزلي
4. emergency	emergencia	緊急情況	экстренная помощь	জরুরি অবস্থা	طوارئ
5. emergency shelter	refugio para emergencias	緊急情況庇護所	временное укрытие	জরুরি আশ্রয়	ملجأ طوارئ
6. hotline	línea de ayuda directa	熱線	горячая линия	সরাসরি লাইন	خط ساخن
7. immigration papers	papeles de inmigración	移民文件	иммиграционные документы	অভিবাসন/ইমিগ্রেশন সম্পর্কিত কাগজপত্র	أوراق هجرة
8. interpreters	intérpretes	翻譯員	переводчики	দোভাষী	مترجمون
9. safe, safety	a salvo, seguridad	安全	безопасный, безопасность	নিরাপদ, নিরাপত্তা	أمن. أمان
10. victim	víctima	受害者	жертва	নির্ধাতনের শিকার	ضحية

Dear Erica

Write a letter to Billy's mother.

Ask her a question.

Give her advice.

Tell her your story!



Dear Erica,

Handwriting practice lines for a letter. The lines are horizontal and span the width of the page. At the bottom right of the lines, the text "Sincerely yours," is written in red cursive.

Sincerely yours,

Answers

Page 13

1. Billy's aunt
2. Billy's grandfather
3. Billy's mother
4. Billy
5. police officer

Page 14

1. sees
2. is playing
3. is worried
4. asks
5. thinks
6. must
7. doesn't know
8. suggests
9. go
10. help

Page 15

1. pages 2, 3, 4
2. pages 2, 3, 11
3. pages 1, 2, 3, 11
4. page 4
5. pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
6. page 5
7. page 8
8. page 9
9. page 11

Page 16

1. when someone is being hurt by a family member or friend
2. harm or hurt
3. afraid
4. doesn't allow or permit
5. 911
6. suggestions
7. immediately
8. mad
9. without hope

Page 17

1. easy
2. hitting
3. husband
4. angry
5. supposed to
6. hopeless

Page 18

1. crime
2. abusing
3. help
4. let
5. money
6. trouble
7. scared
8. worry

Page 19

1. have to
2. don't have to
3. have to
4. don't have to
5. don't have to
6. don't have to

Page 20

1. How old is Billy?
2. What is this play about?
3. What is wrong?
4. What am I supposed to do?
5. Can you tell me what is going on?

Page 21

1. Come here.
2. We're here for you.
3. What's wrong, Dad?
4. Can you tell me what's going on?
5. What am I supposed to do?

Page 23: Watch the show for these answers.

1. Erica
2. Abdul
3. Renata
4. Renata
5. Erica
6. Julie

Page 25: There are other correct answers.

mother, family, husband, aunt, daddy

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