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# Respond to Domestic Violence

## Study Guide



SEASON 1

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# **Respond to Domestic Violence**

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**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.

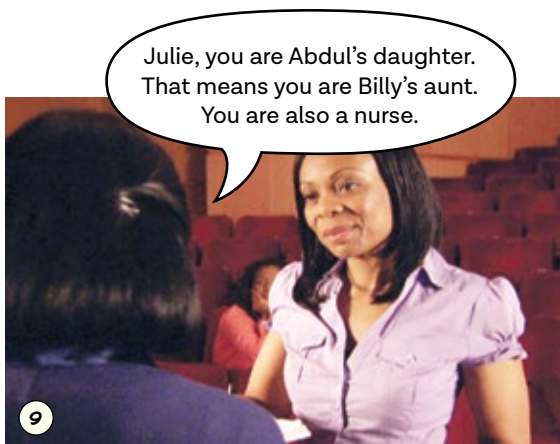


How old is Billy?



Seven. And that's your bear.

**roles** = characters in a play



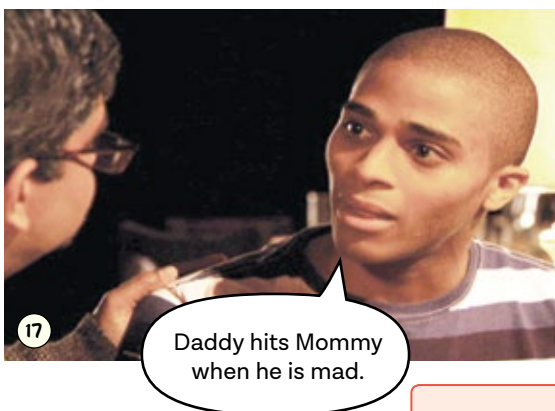
The actors don't know the story.  
The director tells the actors to learn their lines.



**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.



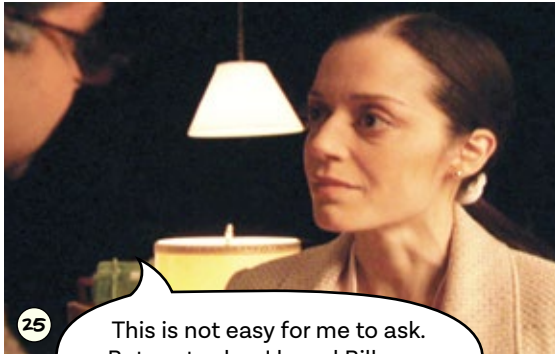
But Grandfather is worried about Billy's mother.





## Scene 3: Grandfather and Billy's Mother

The next day, Grandfather asks a difficult question.



This is not easy for me to ask. But yesterday, I heard Billy say that Daddy hits Mommy.



Is this true?  
Is my son hitting you?

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



Hitting me?  
My husband loves me.



You know how he is.  
He just gets angry  
sometimes.

Grandfather finds out the truth.



And what does he do  
when he gets angry?



What am I  
supposed to do?  
I feel so hopeless.

## Scene 4: You Are Not Alone

Billy's aunt listens and gives good advice.



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



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Billy's mother can get help.



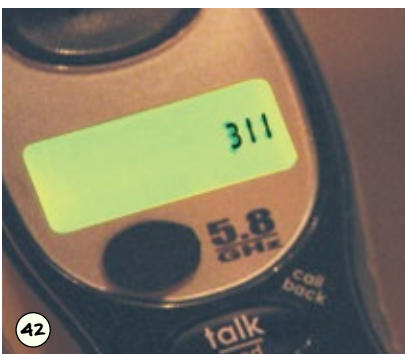
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She thinks about it.



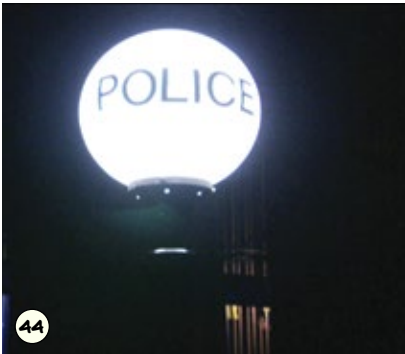
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She makes the call.



## Scene 5: At the Police Station

The two women also get information from a police officer.



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The police officer can help.



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They explain the problem.



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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.



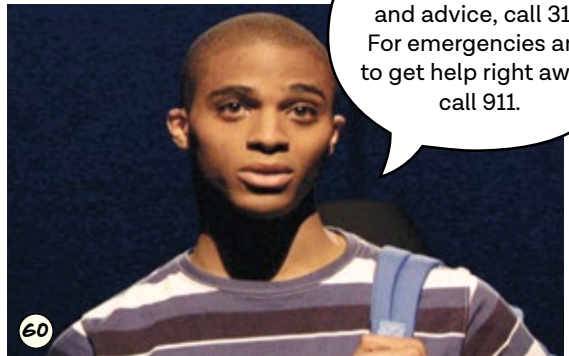
Domestic violence affects people of every nationality, in every community.



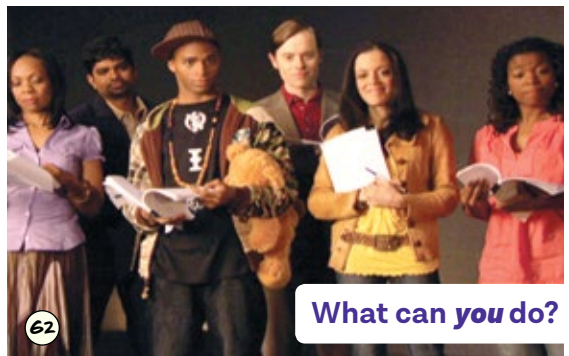
It is not your fault. If you are a victim of domestic violence, do not feel bad about yourself.



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



People working together can help stop domestic violence.

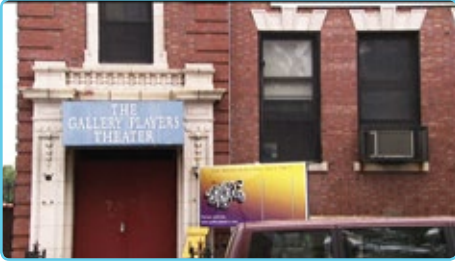


**What can you do?**

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](http://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.      **Who am I?** Billy’s aunt  
• I go with her to the police station.  
• I am a nurse.  
• I am an aunt, a daughter and a sister-in-law.
  
- 2. • I take care of Billy after school.      **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_  
• I am worried that my son is an abuser.  
• I am a grandfather, a father and a father-in-law.
  
- 3. • I am afraid of my husband.      **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_  
• I don’t have my “papers.”  
• I am a mother, a wife, a daughter-in-law and a sister-in-law.
  
- 4. • I stay with my grandfather after school.      **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_  
• I hit my bear, and it’s not a game.  
• I am a son, a grandson and a nephew.
  
- 5. • I protect people who need my help.      **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_  
• I wear a uniform to work.  
• I give advice to Billy’s mother and his aunt.



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                 | _____ <sup>1</sup> | 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.**

1. You have to / don't have to call 911 in an emergency.  
You must get help right away.
2. You have to / don't have to live with domestic violence.  
You can get help from family, the police and city agencies.
3. You have to / don't have to think first about your safety.  
You can ask for emergency shelter for you and your children.
4. You have to / don't have to tell the police your immigration status. The police help everyone—people with “papers” and people without “papers.”
5. You have to / don't have to solve the problem yourself.  
You can call 311 for more help.
6. 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.



1. old • Billy • is • How • ?

*How old is Billy?*

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2. about • What • this • play • is • ?
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3. wrong • What • is • ?
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4. supposed to • What • I • am • do • ?
- 

5. tell • Can • you • what • is • me • going on • ?
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**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.*

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

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

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

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

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



# What Can You Do?

But she doesn't have her immigration papers. She doesn't know what to do. She is scared.



**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](http://www.nyc.gov/WeSpeakNYC)



# 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 (FJs) 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](http://www.safehorizon.org)  
[www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence](http://www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence)  
[www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org](http://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](http://www.nypl.org), [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org) or [www.queenslibrary.org](http://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](http://www.clip.cuny.edu) or [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu).
- ✓ Make a list of words and expressions you learned from **Respond to Domestic Violence**.

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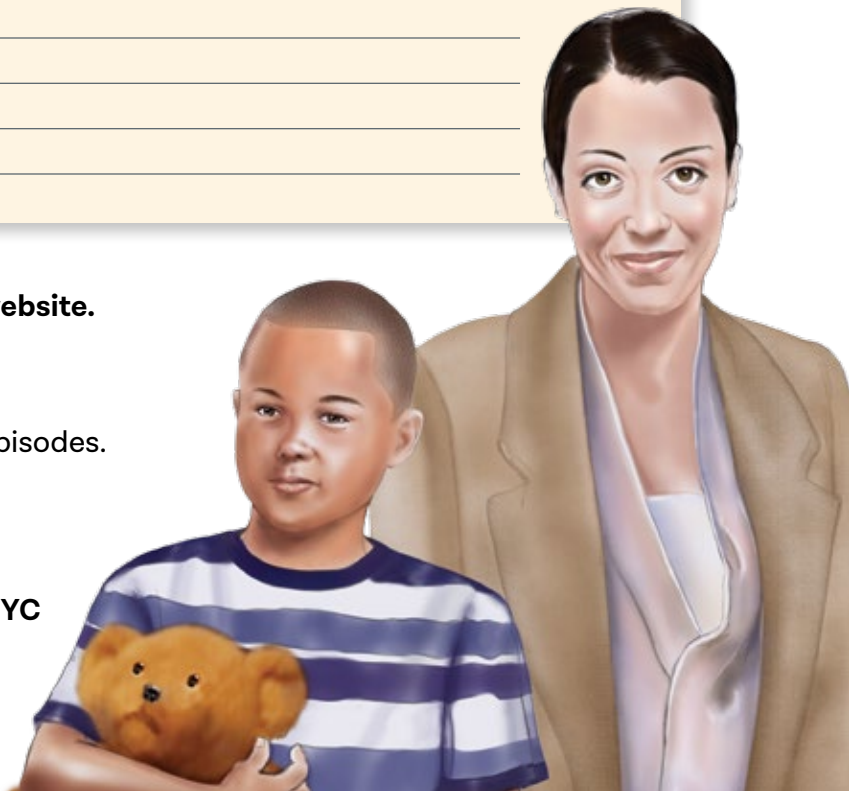
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## Visit the **We Speak NYC** website.

- 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

English	Español	中文
1. abuse, to abuse	maltrato, maltratar	虐待
2. beat/hit/kick	pegar/golpear/patear	打/擊/踢
3. domestic violence	violencia doméstica	家庭暴力
4. emergency	emergencia	緊急情況
5. emergency shelter	refugio para emergencias	緊急情況庇護所
6. hotline	línea de ayuda directa	熱線
7. immigration papers	papeles de inmigración	移民文件
8. interpreters	intérpretes	翻譯員
9. safe, safety	a salvo, seguridad	安全
10. victim	víctima	受害者



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Русский	বাংলা	العربية
жестокое обращение, жестоко обращаться	নির্যাতন, নির্যাতন করা	إيذاء. يؤذي
бить/ударять/пинать	পেটানো/আঘাত করা/লাথি মারা	ضرب/لطم/ركل
домашнее насилие	পারিবারিক নির্যাতন	عنف منزلي
экстренная помощь	জরুরি অবস্থা	طوارئ
временное укрытие	জরুরি আশ্রয়	ملجأ طوارئ
горячая линия	সরাসরি লাইন	خط ساخن
иммиграционные документы	অভিবাসন/ইমিগ্রেশন সম্পর্কিত কাগজপত্র	أوراق هجرة
переводчики	দোভাষী	مترجمون
безопасный, безопасность	নিরাপদ, নিরাপত্তা	أمن. أمان
жертва	নির্যাতনের শিকার	ضحية



# 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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