

DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE

For each vague phrase, write a specific example of the phrase in clear, behavioral terms.

VAGUE PHRASE

BEHAVIORAL EXAMPLE

1. Poor peer relations

Physically fights with classmates on the playground during recess

2. Improve supervision

3. Loving parent

4. Cooperative

5. Inappropriate parenting

6. Neglects child

7. Fails to protect

8. Poor self-esteem

9. Clean/dirty

BONUS

10. Identify a vague phrase you've heard in your office.

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