What is the difference in these verbs?

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1 **bring up** and **educate** children _____ _____
2 **praise** and **reward** good behaviour _____ _____
3 **rebel against** and **disobey** your parents _____ _____
4 **encourage** and **force** your children to do something _____ _____
5 **give in to** and **spoil** your children _____ _____
6 **nag** someone and **tell** someone **off** _____ _____
7 **shame** and **punish** someone _____ _____

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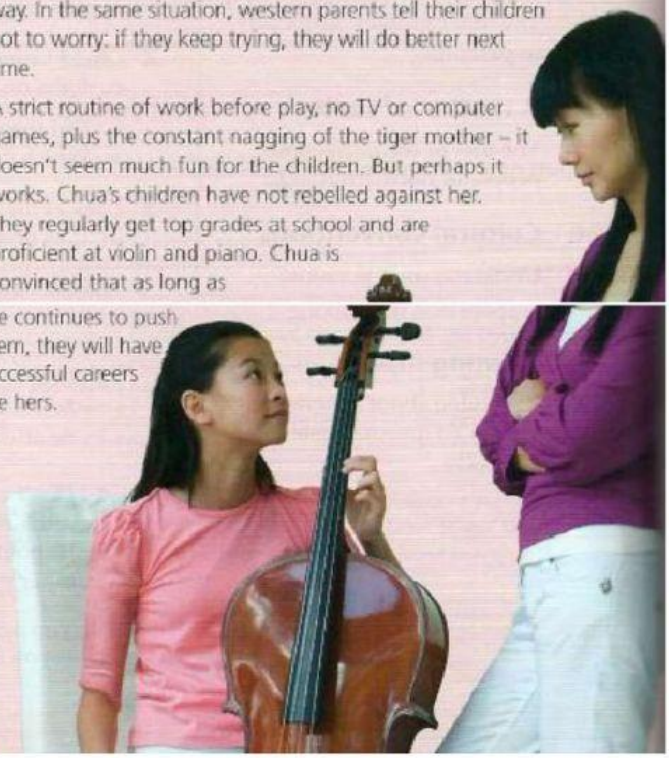
Is there a right way to bring up children? Some parents read books to find an answer, some follow their instinct. Whatever they do, a doubt always remains: 'When my children have grown up, will I have any regrets about my parenting?'

But 'doubt' is not in the vocabulary of Amy Chua, a successful lawyer, professor and author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, a guide to a Chinese approach to bringing up children. According to Chua, western mothers are too soft on their children. They praise them for every effort, even if the result is coming last in a race or playing a piano piece badly. Often, when their children ask to go out and play rather than do their homework, the parents just give in to them.

The tiger mother's approach is very different. They accept nothing less than 'A' grades in every subject; if the child fails to achieve these, it simply shows they have not worked hard enough. They encourage their children not with praise and reward, but with punishment and shaming. 'Unless you learn this piano piece,' Chua told her daughter, 'I will take your doll's house to a charity shop.' She even rejected her daughter's homemade birthday card because it had been drawn in a hurry.

But Chua says that this is a more honest and direct approach. If her child has been lazy, she says, she will tell them – that is the tiger mother's way. In the same situation, western parents tell their children not to worry: if they keep trying, they will do better next time.

A strict routine of work before play, no TV or computer games, plus the constant nagging of the tiger mother – it doesn't seem much fun for the children. But perhaps it works. Chua's children have not rebelled against her. They regularly get top grades at school and are proficient at violin and piano. Chua is convinced that as long as she continues to push them, they will have successful careers like hers.

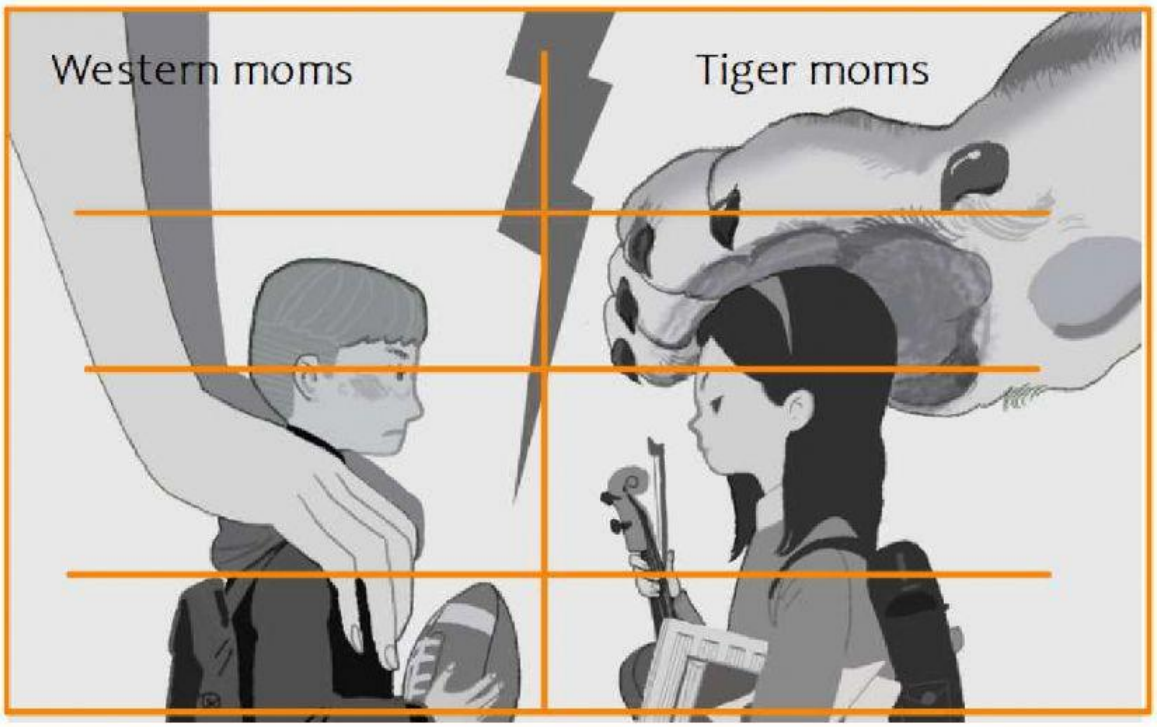


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Read the article

- What is a "Tiger" mother?

- Compare the attitudes of Tiger mothers with Wstern mothers



Cruel to be kind

Which of these things (1-7) do you think should be ...?

a - Controlled strongly

b - Controlled a little by parents

c - Left to the child to decide

1. watching TV
2. playing computer games
3. playing a music intrument
4. going out to play with friends
5. doing homework
6. choosing what subject to study at high school
7. choosing sports or hobbies

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