

behaviour

1 Verb + behaviour

Use the correct form of these verbs:

affect change criticise explain
tolerate improve apologise for

1. Go and report to the head teacher immediately. I'm not standing for this sort of behaviour in my classroom any longer. I simply will not your appalling behaviour.
2. An insecure family environment can only a child's behaviour in a negative way.
3. I don't know why you're my behaviour! You're not exactly perfect yourself.
4. How do you her behaviour at the party last night? She was rude to almost everybody she talked to, which isn't like her. I'm certainly baffled by her behaviour.
5. The President has his behaviour, but many people are unwilling to accept that and feel that he should resign.
6. Terry can be a real nuisance in class, but I must say his behaviour has a lot recently.
7. You can your behaviour, but you can't your personality!

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

eccentric disgraceful good
anti-social obsessive violent

1. The crowd booed when the national anthem was played at the beginning of the football match.
> I find that sort of behaviour
It's completely unacceptable.
2. My mother's problem is she washes her hands over and over again. As you can imagine, this kind of behaviour can be difficult to live with.
3. The latest studies seem to show that computer games encourage and aggressive behaviour in young children.
4. Our chemistry teacher is everyone's idea of the mad scientist. His behaviour is somewhat
It's hard to predict what he'll do next.
5. It is important that teachers reward behaviour.
6. There's no question that playing loud music after midnight in a flat is behaviour.

3 Noun + preposition + behaviour

Complete the sentences below with these nouns:

model bounds standards
excuse improvement explanation

1. Our school demands the highest of behaviour from its students.
2. I don't understand why Maria just got up and walked out. Did she offer any for her strange behaviour?
3. Nobody should behave like that in public. There's no for that kind of behaviour.
4. Leaving her to walk home alone so late at night was outside the of acceptable behaviour. I think you should apologise to her.
5. Since our daughter started her treatment, there's been a definite in her behaviour. She's much less aggressive at school.
6. The boy next door is always in trouble with the police. However, when he was at school, he was a of good behaviour.

Go back and underline the complete expressions including the prepositions.

Notes

1. Note the following ways of expressing your disapproval of someone's behaviour:
There's really no need for that sort of behaviour.
This kind of behaviour just won't do.
Your behaviour leaves a lot to be desired.
His behaviour at the meeting was inappropriate.
2. Good behaviour can be *excellent* or *exemplary*.
Bad behaviour can be *unacceptable*, *strange*, *violent* and *undesirable*.
3. Note the expression 'be on your best behaviour':
Now, you're meeting my parents tomorrow. Please be on your best behaviour!
4. Note these types of behaviour:
We need to understand the causes of criminal behaviour.
We've learned a lot from animal behaviour.
5. Behaviour is often followed by *to* or *towards*:
I can understand Geoff's behaviour towards Steve.
Steve never paid back the money he borrowed.