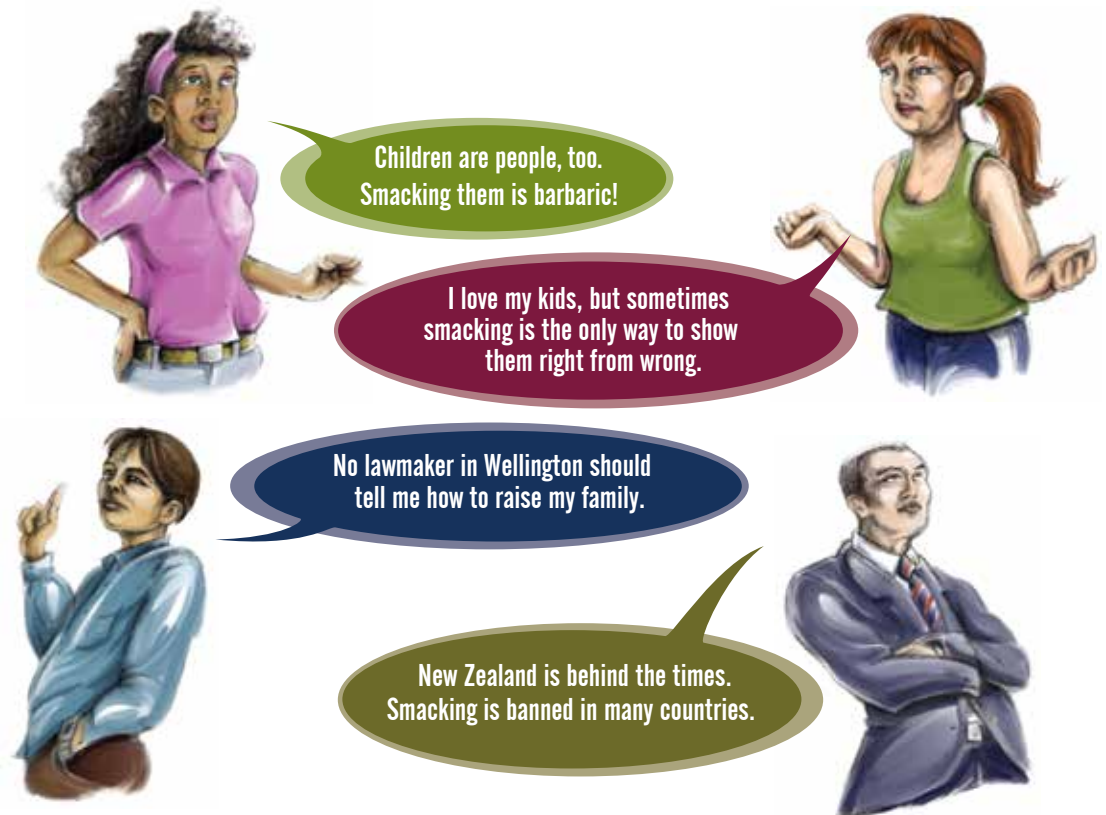


Discipline Dilemmas

activity



Rachel and Temuera ask a few people for their opinions on smacking.



The two students each survey 100 people using the statement:

“It should be illegal to smack children.”

Temuera asks the people he surveys to choose a position on this scale:

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
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Rachel uses a slightly different scale:

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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1. Temuera and Rachel each use a tally chart and a frequency table to show their results.

More people disagree than agree.

Temuera's Results				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
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2	31	48	13	6



No, more people agree than disagree.

Rachel's Results			
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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3	40	52	5

Who is correct, Rachel or Temuera? Explain your answer.

2. a. How might the scales Temuera and Rachel used have affected their results?
b. Which scale might be better? Why?
3. Suggest reasons why a person might have put "undecided" in Temuera's survey.
4. a. Survey two groups of people about smacking, using a scale of your choice. The first group should be students from your class. The second group should be adults, such as parents and teachers.
b. Is there a difference in the results? If so, why?

