

Lesson 4
READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

Edward's Conversation

Conversation should be a matter of give and take. It is supposed to be a time to share thoughts and ideas.

But Edward does not converse. He lectures. Edward insists on defending his opinion about every controversial subject. He assumes a professorial tone and gestures with his hands for emphasis. He overwhelms people by using long and complex words.

The problem is that Edward does not always base his opinion on essential facts. Yet Edward gets upset when I find a defect in his argument. He becomes obstinate and suggests that my information is immaterial.

I get so infuriated that I want to punch him in the nose. But I know that type of anti-social behavior is unacceptable.