

Language is blaming when ...

- it makes out that the other person is completely in the wrong
- it claims to know how the other person is thinking or feeling
- it exaggerates using words like “always” and “never”

Tick the sentence if you think the language is blaming:

1. I get upset when he shouts.
2. Matt meant to hit and hurt me when he threw that stone.
3. Miranda and Avril are always creating trouble wherever they go.
4. I think you were one of the people involved in that argument.
5. You knew what would happen if you spoke to the teacher like that.
6. I often get very annoyed with my brother.
7. You are the most stupid person in the world.
8. You think you can tell me what to do because you are bigger than me.
9. I wish you would be more careful.
10. You get totally confused whenever you try to explain anything.
11. The problem is that Mary always lets Tony wind her up.
12. You can't trust people from foreign countries.
13. I feel very nervous when I meet people from other countries.
14. I felt silly when I fell over.
15. My sister enjoyed seeing me fall over.
16. You don't care about anybody but yourself.
17. I think Joanne is a very strange person.
18. Everyone knows that she gossips and tries to get people into trouble.
19. Jeremy spoke in a rude tone of voice to Mary and she started crying.
20. That new girl came over and helped me to pick up the books but I know that secretly she was laughing at me.