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Give the instruction without making the child decode it.

An adult owns both the intended direction and the wording that obscured it.

Hypothetical example: a parent replaces a sarcastic doorway remark with a clear shoe instruction and owns the unkind part instead of blaming the child for misunderstanding.

01 Words and meaning

Hear the difference before assigning a motive.

Adult's exact remark

Meaning the child understood

Instruction the adult intended

02 Plain direction

Make the action and finish line visible.

Direct replacement sentence

Place or first step to show

Understanding question to ask

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03 Repair owed

Separate the task from the adult's unkind conduct.

Unkind words to own

Listeners needing a correction

Short repair without a humor defense

04 Next moment

Try the clear instruction before judging conduct.

Recurring situation

Plain words actually used

Response observed or step still unclear