

Is this domestic abuse?

Is this domestic abuse? Read the following statements and decide whether you think the answer is YES, No or DEPENDS

	YES	NO	DEPENDS
An adult calls another adult nasty names	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A wife won't give her husband money or let him go to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.A woman sends her boyfriend a text saying she loves him	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A man sends his girlfriend hundreds of texts to find out where she is	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A woman threatens to hit her girlfriend but never actually does	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An adult often pushes, kicks or hits another adult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A partner tells the other that they are putting on weight	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One partner gets annoyed when the other wants to see their friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A man calls his ex all the time asking them to get back with her	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A woman constantly tells her disabled partner that she is stupid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two brothers constantly argue about what to watch on TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answers

An adult calls another adult nasty names

DEPENDS, if this happens regularly in a close or family type relationship and if it upsets the person being called names, then this is domestic abuse and could be seen as coercive behavior.

A wife won't give her husband money or let him go to work

YES, financial abuse can be part of domestic abuse and is used to assert control over the person and be coercive behavior.

A woman sends her boyfriend a text saying she loves him

NO, so long as this is in a fair and equal relationship, then this is not domestic abuse.

A man sends his girlfriend hundreds of texts to find out where she is

YES, this is domestic abuse. This kind of behaviour is aimed at controlling the other person.

A woman threatens to hit her girlfriend but never actually does

YES, this is domestic abuse. The constant threat of violence is used to scare and control the other person and is not ok. Domestic abuse can happen in same sex relationships too. This is coercive behavior.

An adult often pushes, kicks or hits another adult

YES, this is domestic abuse. The use of physical violence within a relationship is never acceptable. This could be criminal and ABH (actual bodily harm)

A partner tells the other that they are putting on weight

DEPENDS, it is good to be honest with each other in relationships, but if one partner always says things to make the other feel bad then this is domestic abuse.

One partner gets annoyed when the other wants to see their friends

YES, this is domestic abuse. One partner is trying to scare and manipulate the other into doing what they want. Being in a relationship should not stop you having friends of your own and one partner does not have the right to tell the other what to do. This could be seen as coercive and controlling behavior.

A man calls his ex all the time asking them to get back with her

DEPENDS, if the girlfriend does not want him to be calling her and he does not respect her wishes then this may be harassment which can be part of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can often continue after a relationship has ended. This could be recognised as Harassment or stalking.

A woman constantly tells his disabled partner that she is stupid

YES, this is emotional abuse which is often part of domestic abuse. Disabled people are in fact more likely to experience domestic abuse than non-disabled people. This could be classified as coercive behavior under the Serious Crime Act 2015

Two brothers constantly argue about what to watch on TV

NO, this is not domestic abuse. All families argue sometimes, but so long as they are equal and no one gets hurt then that is ok.