

**Divorce rates have increased significantly all over the world. Write an essay in which you discuss the effects of divorce on children.**

Divorce rates have been rising all around the world. Despite the fact that parents may have justifiable reasons for getting divorced, such as interparental violence or diminished trust, divorce is sure to have certain consequences for children. More often than not, these consequences are negative. **The two most prominent impacts of divorce in children can be argued to be behavioral or social problems and a poorer academic performance.**

**First of all, a child whose parents get divorced is usually more likely to develop anti-social behavior following the divorce.** Forming a strong bond with the parents in childhood helps children develop trust towards other people. Moreover, children acquire social skills at home from both parents. Each parent can contribute in specific ways to the child's social development. For example, witnessing how the parents treat each other, children can learn the nature of kind and loving relationships. Upon divorce, children may lose their trust and dependence not only towards the parents, but also towards other people. This may translate to anti-social behaviors and this may have prolonged effects even in adulthood.

**A second impact of divorce on children is related to their academic achievements.** In general, particularly in the initial months or years following the divorce, children may show a dramatic decrease in their school grades. Since divorce will likely increase a child's level of stress, it can also impede the child's ability to follow classes and learn at school. Moreover, because the children of divorced parents may have to go back and forth between two different households, they may not be able to develop a regular study schedule. Not being able to study on a regular basis is likely to have a negative impact on their school performance.

In conclusion, the increasing divorce rates may have dramatic consequences for children. **I believe that the most profound effects are social and behavioral problems and a poorer performance at school.** It is true that sometimes divorce is the better option, but parents need to do their best so that their child(ren) will be least affected by it.