

**That sounds like
something my
kids
would say!**



Adolescent idea breaking out? Not to worry. This Clearasil of Killer Phrases dries up a new idea faster than you can say Britney Spears.

a/k/a: "Are you kidding me?"

"Have you given it much thought?"

"That's off the wall."

"Come on now, get serious."

Defusing Strategy:

Move beyond childish constraints without losing the childlike charm.

Out of the mouths of babes.... Dumb questions often reveal smart answers. Show that your group may be too close to this "adult" problem.

It's grown-up time. Does the naysayer believe you haven't thought the issues through? People sometimes equate youth with lack of preparation or thought. Ground recommendations by considering strengths and weaknesses and backing up your claims with concrete evidence.

It's playtime. Agree with the Killer Phrase. Then, suggest that you just "play" with the idea for a minute, before evaluating it.

All kidding aside, kids' views are powerful views. Children seek out experiences adults often avoid. Take time to discover the views of your children and those of your "inner child."