Dear Abby:

I have a strained relationship with my parents. Since middle school, I haven’t always been honest with them and I haven’t been the best student. I want to have more freedom, but they refuse to give it to me. What should I do?

Signed,
Discouraged in Denver

Dear Discouraged in Denver,

Dear Abby,

I have been teased for the last four years at school. Every time I get teased, I yell and scream, but the teasing continues. How should I handle this ongoing situation?

Signed,
Teased in Texas

Dear Teased in Texas,
Dear Abby,

I feel like I have no friends. I am shy and haven’t been involved in any school activities or sports. I am afraid that I might not be accepted so I don’t even try. How do I change my situation?

Signed,
Friendless in Florida

Dear Friendless in Florida,

Dear Abby,

People walk all over me. I don’t feel like I have a voice anymore. I can’t understand why I am continually treated poorly. I am a nice person who just wants to be treated with respect.

Signed,
Trampled in Texas

Dear Trampled in Texas,

Though each of the four Dear Abby letters is different, they all have something in common. What is it?