

# THINK OUT LOUD

Most boys today are visual & interactive when it comes to learning. So it should come as no surprise that they often become vocal when they discover something new or see something for the first time.

For example, they see a cool car & the word “Wow” or “Awesome” comes out, or they see a good looking girl & the first thing that comes into their mind escapes through their mouth before the brain can arrest it.

Boy’s need to learn how their mind works in order to gain better control over what it throws up. You can’t control what you don’t understand, so why do we expect that boy’s should be able to do something they haven’t learnt about themselves.

So, the next time you feel like braining some young punk for blurting something inappropriate out, stop & consider that they might just be thinking out loud & cut them some slack. This isn’t an excuse for disruptive behaviour or offensive comments, but simply a challenge to those working with young males to try to see the bigger picture of what’s really going on under the surface.

Choose to come alongside & teach them the benefits of internally processing something before committing it to verbal expression. Ask them how they might have said things differently if they had stopped & processed their thoughts before speaking?

If you can teach a young guy why he thinks like he does then you will save him a lot of pain & potential embarrassment along the way.