

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 118683 - Hitting Female Students

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### the question

What is the ruling on hitting female students, whether it is to discipline them or make them work harder?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

It is good for the teacher to be kind and gentle towards young and old, but if the situation calls for discipline or a (light) smack that is not severe, that is permissible. It is the habit of the foolish to behave badly and not show any respect, so there is a need for strictness and strength that is more effective than kindness and gentleness. End quote.

Shaykh 'Abd al-Rahmaan ibn Jibreel (may Allaah preserve him)

Fataawa 'Ulama' al-Balad al-Haraam, p. 399

See also the answer to question number [50022](#)

And Allaah knows best.