

# THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION

Stigmatizing

Strengths-based

## Words about children

Blown out

Crack baby

Damaged

Illegitimate

Unadoptable

## Words about birth parents

Abusers

Addicts

Losers

Natural parents

Terminated

## Words about adoptive parents

Deserving

Desperate

Infertile

Needy

Saints

## Words about the adoptive parent assessment process

Screening out

Weeding out



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*Permanence  
in Context*

**Practice  
Tools**



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### *Permanence in Context* Practice Tools

### Words about relative caregivers

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

They always protect their own.

They did a lousy job parenting their kids, how will it be different with grandkids?

Blood will tell.

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