

Empathy Scenarios

Read about each scenario and think about how you would relate.

Scenario #1

Mr. Pratt gave reading quizzes back during class. Matt said, "Wow, this is great! I studied all week for this quiz, I am so glad I did well!" Carter said, "Matt, quit bragging! Just because you got a good grade doesn't mean you have to tell everybody!"

How would you feel if you did well on a quiz you studied all week for?

Scenario #2

Barry threw a piece of food to try to get it into the wastebasket during lunch. Mrs. Williams, the cafeteria worker, saw the food in the corner of her eye and thought it was Susan who threw it. Mrs. Williams made Susan clean up the food and kept her inside during recess. During P.E., Barry said, "I am sorry you had to stay in for recess, Susan." Susan said, "I can't believe you did not tell her that you did it! I don't want to talk to you ever again!" Barry said, "You don't have to yell! What's wrong with you?"

How would you feel if you got in trouble for something you did not do?

Scenario #3

Kaila is brand new to school and is sitting with girls during lunch. Mya asks Kaila, "How are you?" Kaila says, "Good." Mya asks, "What do you like to do for fun?" Kaila says, "Read." Mya asks, "What are you doing over the holiday?" Kaila says, "I'm not sure." Mya rolled her eyes and said, "Are you always this boring?"

How would you feel if you were new to school and did not know anyone?

Scenario #4

Sandy was given a horse from her parents for her birthday. She had always loved to ride and wanted a horse of her own. "Hey, Sandy" Kelly said. "What did you get for your birthday?" "A horse, my very own horse that I can ride every day!" Sandy squealed as she jumped around. "What has gotten into you?" Kelly asked. Sandy said, "Nothing!" But she kept jumping. Kelly walked away. "What are you doing?" Sandy asked between jumps. "I'd rather talk to you when you stop being weird," Kelly replied.

How would you feel if you were given a gift you'd always wanted?