



At School Worksheet

In your groups read the following scenarios and chose how you would respond.

Then create a mini drama of your scenario to show the class.

Scenario 1

Sarah your childhood friend holds a birthday party and decides not to invite Miriam, who is from a Pakistani background. Sarah explains that it is 'nothing personal' but she does not think that Miriam will feel comfortable at the party.

Do you...

1. Agree with Sarah, because it is likely Miriam's parents will be strict and will not allow her to come to a party for both boys and girls.
2. Yell at Sarah for being inconsiderate and inform her that you do not want to be her friend anymore.
3. Say nothing, you suspect that Sarah might be making excuses to cover up her own prejudice, but you do not want to say anything in case you fall out.
4. Challenge:
Tell Sarah she may have jumped to the wrong conclusion and suggest she should invite Miriam to the party and give her the option to refuse.

OR

Arrange for Sarah and Miriam to spend some time together at your house. Maybe they will realise they have more in common than they initially thought.



Scenario 2

You overhear two of your classmates tormenting a new boy at school because of his Gypsy background. They have threatened to beat him up after school.

What do you do?

1. Do nothing, because you do not know the new boy and he has nothing to do with you.
2. Get angry and threaten to beat up the bullies.
3. Join the bullies in case they turn on you next time!
4. Challenge:
Tell a teacher what has happened and encourage them to intervene as soon as possible.
OR
Tell the boys you have overheard their threats and to leave the new boy alone. Check the new boy is okay and offer support.

Scenario 3

You learn a local shop-keeper has been picking on a new Polish family in the area. Every time they enter the shop he refuses to serve them and makes fun of their accent.

What do you do?

1. Nothing. It is not your problem, it is up to them to sort it out.
2. Confront the shop-keeper about his behaviour and refuse to shop there ever again.
3. Challenge:
Report the shop-keeper to the police or ask a parent to do so on your behalf.