

Middle School Conflicts

1. You and your best friend have always played soccer together on town and recreational teams. You both try out for the school's travel team. You make it and your friend doesn't. At first your friend claims not to care, but you soon realize your friend is very angry. Your friend doesn't want to spend as much time together as you used to, and, of course, you have daily practices and games your friend doesn't attend. What do you do?
2. Your friend tells you a secret in absolute confidence. You don't really mean to, but you tell another friend. Soon the whole school seems to know what your friend's secret is. Your friend is really mad at you. Your other friends are also upset that you revealed the secret. What do you do?
3. Your parents have a strict rule that all homework must be done before you can go out after school with your friends. All your friends go down to the basketball courts after school to play basketball. By the time you get there, teams are already set and games have already been played, so it's really too late to join in. What can you do?
4. Your little sister (or brother) can be a real pain. Whenever you have friends over, she wants to do everything with you. She annoys you by following you around, interrupting when you're talking, and demanding a turn in everything you do. It is very hard to find some privacy with your friends when she is around. What do you do?
5. You are invited to go to the mall with a new group of friends from school. You don't know them that well, but are excited that they included you in their plans. When you go into a crowded music store, you think you see one of them slip a CD into a pocket without paying. What do you do?
6. Your teacher asks you to stay after class. The teacher shows you two tests that are identical in every answer: yours and the student's who sits next to you. You have the feeling that the other student has been copying your work, but don't know for sure. What do you do?
7. Your middle school is much bigger than your elementary school. There you saw your best friend all the time. Now you don't have any classes together and you hardly see each other at school, except at lunch. Your friend seems to be making a whole new group of friends that you don't know. Today at lunch, for the first time, your friend is sitting with some new friends. When you walk by with your lunch, your friend doesn't ask you to sit down as usual. What do you do?