



5-1-6 Scenarios for Bullying vs. Social Conflict: Print and cut out cards. For primary kids, you can read each scenario aloud and discuss as a group whether it is bullying or social conflict. Split older kids into small groups and pass out a scenario card to each group. One child will read the card aloud, and the small group will discuss whether the scenario is bullying or social conflict. When finished, the group will trade cards with another group. Repeat until all cards are used.

<p>Molly and Amara were best friends. They got into an argument and Amara says that Julie is her new best friend. Molly is hurt. Amara prefers Julie and invites Julie over for sleepovers now. Amara and Julie don't do any mean behaviors to Molly, but they don't want to hang out with her, either.</p>	<p>Tommy and Vero are good friends. They often get into fights over video games and yell mean things at each other. Many of the play dates end up with one or both of the boys crying. But they always want to play again the next day, even after a fight, and they always walk to school together.</p>
<p>A group of girls calls Sarah names, starts rumors about her, and tells other kids not to talk to her. They whisper about Sarah when she is near them and laugh at her in class.</p>	<p>A 5th grade student keeps pushing a 1st grade student on the playground. The 1st grader no longer wants to go outside during lunch and recess.</p>
<p>Niko attempted to stop Lena from making fun of another student. Lena turned and hit Niko in the face. Other kids began teasing him daily and even a teacher got involved. In front of the class, the teacher asked Niko, "How does it feel to be hit by a girl?" Everyone laughed at Niko.</p>	<p>Kaya and Dre were best friends, but recently the friendship ended. Dre's new best friend has been starting negative and hurtful rumors about Kaya on social media and urging others to join in. Dre isn't joining in, but Dre isn't speaking up for Kaya either. Other kids join in the rumors.</p>

<p>Isabel and Brianna both try out for the lead in the play. Isabel wins the part and Brianna is envious. Brianna is rude to Isabel after rehearsal, especially when everyone surrounds Isabel to compliment her acting. Brianna secretly hopes Isabel gets sick the day of the performance, because Brianna is the understudy, and she wants to star in the play. Brianna hopes things will feel normal after the play ends.</p>	<p>Eight friends are at a pool party. In the locker room, the kids stare at Abby as she changes clothes and whisper about her. While they are swimming, a few kids point out that Abby has a larger body than everyone else. When it is time to eat cake and ice cream, one kid yells to Abby, “Maybe you should skip the dessert.” No one sits with Abby, who wants to go home.</p>
<p>Ron often draws attention to himself, calls people names, and tries to start conflicts. He has no friends and is usually by himself. Some popular students call him names and taunt him. They have started rumors that another quiet girl in their class likes Ron.</p>	<p>While walking between classes, Harper (they/them) is pushed hard into their locker by a student they have never met. The same student does this again to Harper several times during the week, and Harper is upset. They don’t want to walk alone to class.</p>
<p>Jade and Javier are on the basketball team. Jade is often late for practice and has skipped a couple games. Javier is angry that Jade isn’t showing enough commitment. Javier yells at Jade one afternoon and asks him why he’s even on the team. Javier wants to talk it out, and he asks Jade to meet him before the next practice.</p>	<p>Joe has a heavier body than the other kids on the baseball team, who are all very skinny. None of the uniforms fit Joe, and the other kids make fun of his size. They start calling him “slow Joe” when he is running the bases and try to get him to quit the team. Joe feels ashamed and starts to skip meals and starve himself to make the kids stop taunting him.</p>

<p>Amanda has a learning difference that makes it challenging for her to keep up in school. A group project in her science class has been assigned, and the students in her group refuse to talk to her. They laugh at her when she makes suggestions and tell everyone else in the class that she is stupid. This happens all week. Amanda starts to go to the nurse's office during science class.</p>	<p>Tyler has sensory processing issues, which means that he is easily agitated and often grows uncomfortable in his clothes and shoes. Tyler constantly tugs at his clothes, fidgets, and has several other distracting behaviors. Other students frequently tell Tyler that he's annoying and call him names. They won't let him sit with them at lunch and they often hide his backpack.</p>
<p>Evan has problems with impulse control. He blurts things out before thinking about it, and sometimes he hurts other people's feelings. He grabs things from people without asking first. Evan knows that his behaviors are frustrating to others, and he is trying to change, but it is very difficult. Evan's classmates get annoyed at him, but they include him at recess, and they save a seat for him at lunch.</p>	<p>Lila is a perfectionist, and she has problems with anxiety. Her thoughts race all day and all night. Lila's friends get tired of how much her anxiety interferes with daily activities, but they keep inviting her to hang out with them because they care about her. Sometimes they tell her she needs to get more support, such as starting to see a therapist, because they can't handle her problems on their own.</p>
<p>Daniela's friends have developed an interest in doing makeup and fancy hairstyles. It's their favorite thing to do. Daniela doesn't like makeup or doing her hair, so she often plays on her phone while hanging out with her friends. They all still talk and laugh, but sometimes Daniela is bored and misses doing the other things they used to do together. She feels sad because her friends aren't interested in doing anything she suggests.</p>	<p>Jaden's older brother, Chris, constantly puts Jaden down and sometimes hits him. Chris threatens to beat Jaden up if Jaden goes against his demands. When Jaden has friends over, Chris hangs out with the group of younger kids, because he knows all of Jaden's friends think he is the cool older brother. Chris mocks Jaden in front of his friends and embarrasses him. Jaden tries to avoid being home with Chris.</p>