

In table groups, choose one person to read, one to record notes, one to be the three-year-old (always asking why), and one to be devil's advocate (if everyone agrees, it's your job to find counter-arguments). Then, read and discuss the following scenarios.

1. Since middle school, D has taken every opportunity to make your life miserable. It seems like D's sole mission is to destroy you, physically and emotionally. With all your energy focused on dealing with D, your grades slipped downward. You're trying to get yourself turned around, and you find out you can get some extra credit by volunteering in the academic center. When you get there, you find out that you've been matched with a fellow freshman: D. Your request to change partners is denied. Without your help, D is going to fail out. If you don't tutor, you're going to fail. What do you do?
2. You've wanted a cell phone for a few years, but your parents refused to get you one. You worked every odd job you could track down, saving every penny you earned. You finally got enough for a smartphone and a cheap plan, and you're incredibly proud that you've managed to finance your phone. One morning, your dad's phone won't turn on. He moves between locations for work and needs a cell phone at all times. He tells you to loan him yours for the day, since his job pays for your necessities. You have plans of your own and don't want to relinquish the phone you've financed independently. What do you do?
3. In the second week of school, a snowglobe was stolen from Ms. A's desk. She thought you were the one who took it, and you have not gotten along with her since. It seems like she takes every opportunity to cut you down, and you've had to work three times as hard just to pass her class. She finally found out that you didn't steal her snowglobe, but she never apologized for how she treated you. Now Ms. A is trying to beef up her résumé and has asked you to use your considerable influence over your peers to help make her attendance initiative a success. It would look good for you, too, but you're not sure you can stomach helping Ms. A. What do you do?