

Identifying Ways to Behave in Friendship

Seven Friendship Scenarios

1. Friend **A** is teasing Friend **B**'s pants—making fun of their color and what they look like. *Mistake:* Teasing and being unkind. *Solution:* Be respectful with words.
2. Friend **A** is making up a story that's not true, and is bragging to Friend **B** that she has been to Disneyland ten times in one year. She keeps going on and on about it. *Mistake:* Being dishonest and making up stories. *Solution:* Be honest and be yourself.
3. Friend **A** always wants to play soccer with Friend **B**, and Friend **B** plays with her all the time. Friend **B** really likes video games, but Friend **A** won't play them together because she wants to play soccer all the time. *Mistake:* Not taking turns in doing activities that both friends enjoy. *Solution:* Give and take—and take turns— when doing your favorite activities.
4. Friend **A** is always is talking about himself, what he likes, and what he is doing, and never asks Friend **B** about himself. *Mistake:* Not showing an interest in your friend's life—not asking questions of your friend. *Solution:* Ask questions and show an interest in your friend's life.
5. Friend **A** really likes her crayons. Friend **B** doesn't have any crayons and asks Friend **A** if she can borrow his crayons. Friend **A** won't share them. *Mistake:* Not sharing what you have. *Solution:* Share what you have.
6. Friend **A** keeps taking Friend **B**'s toys without asking. Friend **B** asks Friend **A** to please stop, but he won't. Friend **B** tries to talk Friend **A** about it, but he won't listen and he just laughs. *Mistake:* Not being willing to talk about a problem. *Solution:* Talk about the problem and work out a way to solve it.
7. Friend **A** cuts in line in front of Friend **B**. Friend **B** feels angry, but doesn't share how she feels. She just stays mad and ignores her friend for the rest of day. *Mistake:* Not expressing how you feel. *Solution:* Tell your friend how you feel.