

Gossip

Time needed: 30-40 minutes

Recommended Level: All grades

Categories: Friendship issues, Role playing

Common Core Standard (s): Speaking & Listening

Purpose: Students will be able to define the term "gossip" and learn how to identify and eliminate it.

DISCUSSION:

Introduce the term "gossip." Gossip is talking about someone behind his or her back or spreading rumors about someone else.

Ask students how gossip may get started.

- telling someone's secret
- making up a story or lying about someone
- criticizing people behind their back
- sharing news that's not true

ACTIVITY:

Pick a few students to model how telling a story can often spread into untruthful gossip. Use Telephone Scenario # 1 to play the game "telephone."

The final student will tell the story out loud and compare it to the original story given by the teacher.

Students will then be placed into small groups to do a similar activity. Telephone Scenario # 2 and #3 can be cut out and used.

The last student to hear the story will tell it out loud and compare it to the original story.



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