

Conflict and Bullying



The following posts were found on the “Conflict & Bullying” board up at school.

Read carefully through each and answer the questions which follow:

Jonathan, Grade 4 S

I am very sad and angry today. The children made fun of me in the Maths class. I know I am not the best at Maths, but I was asked to do a sum on the board and when I got it wrong, the whole class laughed at me. I got so angry that I nearly upturned my desk and ran out of the class, crying. Now all the kids in my class think I am dumb and a cry-baby...

Michaela, Grade 4 T

I thought Jessica and Amy were my friends, but since the new girl arrived at school, they are excluding me from everything. I saw the three of them at Maxis when I went shopping with Mom (they told me they had Ballet). When they do allow me to sit with them during break, they always make fun of my curly hair and my skinny legs.

Simone, Grade 4 V

We have a Whatsapp group for the girls. One of the girls are posting nasty things about another friend. Whenever she posts a photo, the other girl replies with comments like: “LOL! That is so dumb”. She also told the other girls in the group that she thinks we must remove the girl from the group.

Kyle, Grade 4 F

Peter and I had an argument yesterday. Peter thinks Arsenal is the best soccer team and said that my team (Manchester United) is the worst team ever. Eventually I got so frustrated with him that I kicked him. We both cried and now have to sit detention.

Samantha, Grade 4 S

My mom and I had a huge fight last night. I want to wear a funky dress to Michaela’s party and my mom said it’s not appropriate. I stomped away, slammed the bedroom door and refused to go down for dinner. Hopefully she will change her mind about the dress...



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Questions 1: Define the terms:

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1 Conflict _____

2 Bullying _____

Question 2: Read the comment left by Jonathan and answer the questions:

1. Do you think that Jonathan has reason to be upset about what happened in the Maths class? Explain your answer. (2)

2. Did Jonathan's reaction to the conflict situation solve the problem? Give reasons for your answer. (2)

3. What should the teacher have done to help Jonathan? (2)

4. List three positive ways in which Jonathan could have dealt with this situation. (3)

Question 3: Read Michaela's comment and answer the questions which follow:

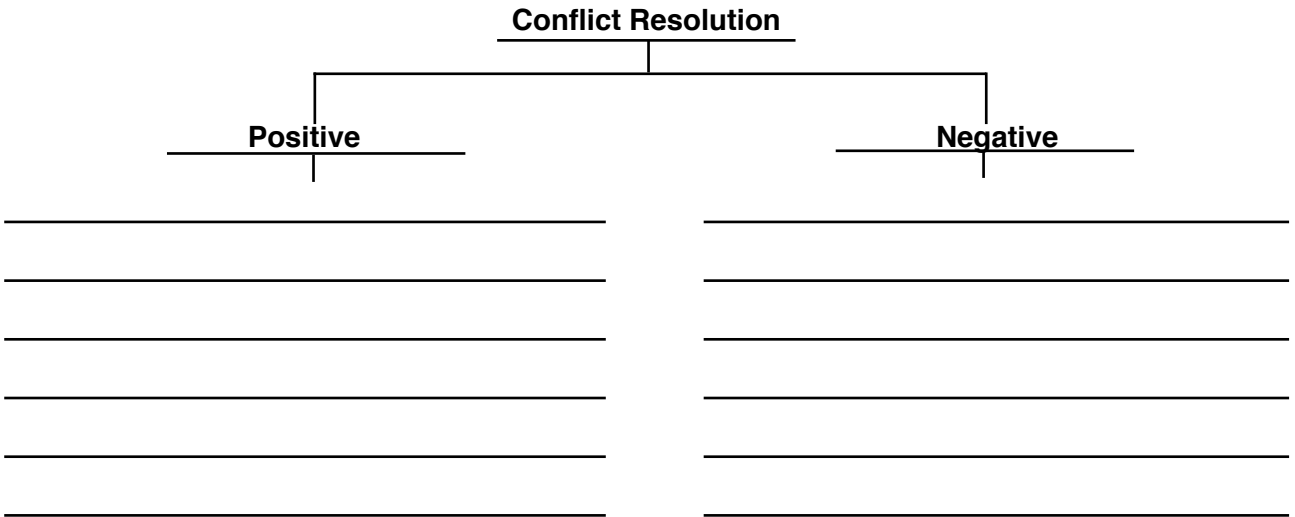
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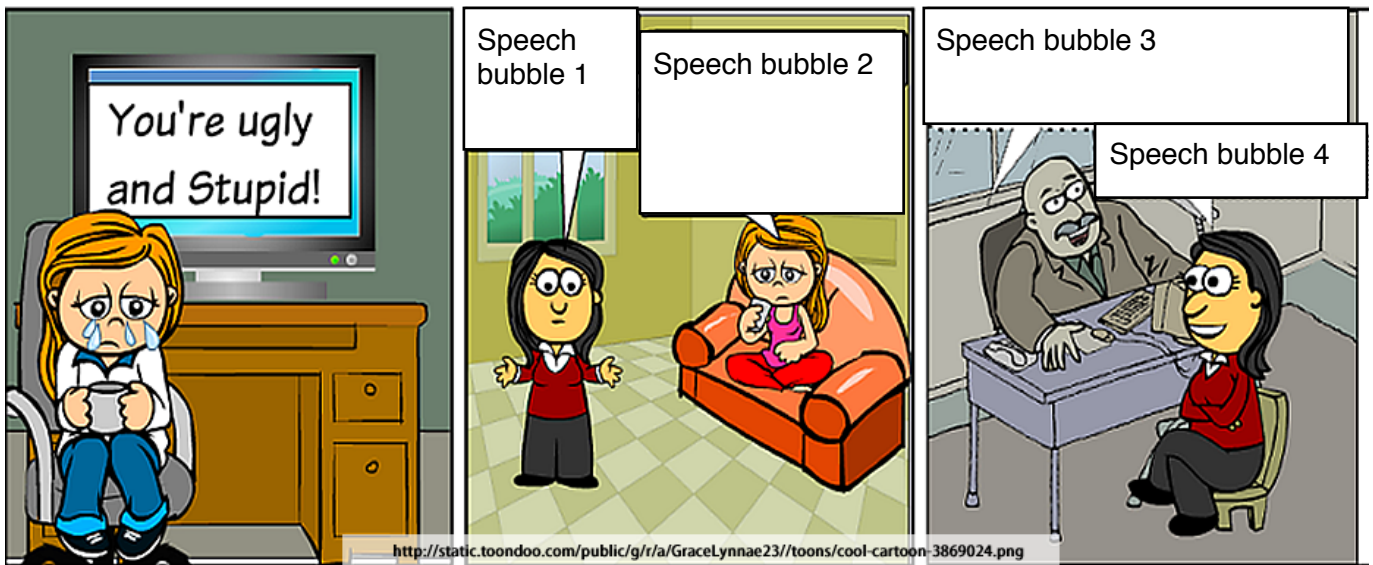
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Question 6: Read Samantha's story and answer the questions which follow:

- 1. Draw a tree map showing the positive and negative ways in which Samantha can handle the conflict with her mother. 1/2 each (6)



Question 7: Lindy is a victim of cyber bullying. Complete the speech bubbles with the conversations she had with her mom, and that her mom had with the headmaster of the school. (4)



Speech bubble 1: _____

Speech bubble 2: _____

Speech bubble 3: _____

Speech bubble 4: _____

MEMO:**Questions 1: Define the terms:**

1 Conflict When two or more people disagree about something, conflict situations can occur. In a conflict situation, people can carry on fighting or arguing and do not come to an agreement.

2 Bullying Bullying is when one person keeps doing or saying things to have power over another person. It is the conscious desire to hurt or exclude someone to make yourself feel better. There are many ways of bullying a person, hurting someone, calling them names, saying bad things about them, excluding them, ignoring friends, etc.

Question 2: Read the comment left by Jonathan and answer the questions:

1. Do you think that Jonathan has reason to be upset about what happened in the Maths class? Explain your answer.

Yes, it is very upsetting if other people think that you are stupid and not able to do Maths.

2. Did Jonathan's reaction to the conflict situation solve the problem? Give reasons for your answer.

No, the problem has not been resolved. By running out of the class crying, he did not address the problem with the class in a positive way. Running away from a conflict situation never solves the problem. Next time this happens, the class will laugh again and he will be even more embarrassed.

3. What should the teacher have done to help Jonathan?

The teacher should stop the children and explain to them in a calm way that not all children have the same talents and that you should never laugh at someone that is not good at something. She should encourage the kids to rather help him get better at Maths.

4. List three positive ways in which Jonathan could have dealt with this situation.

He can say what he feels to the teacher.

He has to cool down before expressing his feelings.

He should control his emotions and feelings and try not to cry.

He can ignore the children and carry on with his work and then later speak to the teacher about the incident.

Question 3: Read Michaela's comment and answer the questions which follow:

1. In your opinion, is Michaela being bullied by her friends? Give reasons for your answer.

Yes, I think they are bullying her, because they are consciously excluding her from their social gatherings and they are making fun of her when she is with them, trying to make her feel uncomfortable.

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2. List six things that Michaela can do to possibly solve this problem.

Be assertive and explain to the bully how you feel.

Discuss it with friends and ask for help.

Avoid situations that can lead to bullying, e.g. never sit alone with the friends where no-one can hear or see you.

Ignore it, don't allow them to see how upset you are as this will encourage them to carry on.

Tell a teacher.

Talk to a trusted person that will not judge and will give good advice.

Talk to your parents.

It is fine to let someone know what is happening.

Question 4: Read the comment posted by Simone and answer the questions which follow:

1. What do you call this type of bullying?

It is called **cyber bullying** (any form of bullying using electronic devices).

2. Do you think Simone and the other girls on the Whatsapp group can also be considered to be bullies?

If the girls on the Whatsapp group do nothing about this, they can also be considered to be bullies.

3. In which ways are the other girls on the Whatsapp group supporting the bully?

They provide an audience by staying on the Whatsapp group.

If they do not report the bully, they are not supporting the girl being bullied.

They may pass on the messages and rumours sent by the bully to other kids not in the group.

They may find the bully's comments funny.

Question 5: Read Kyle's comment and answer the questions which follow:

1. Describe the conflict situation.

Kyle and Peter had an argument about which teams are the best soccer teams. They could not reach an agreement or convince each other and the conflict was not resolved.

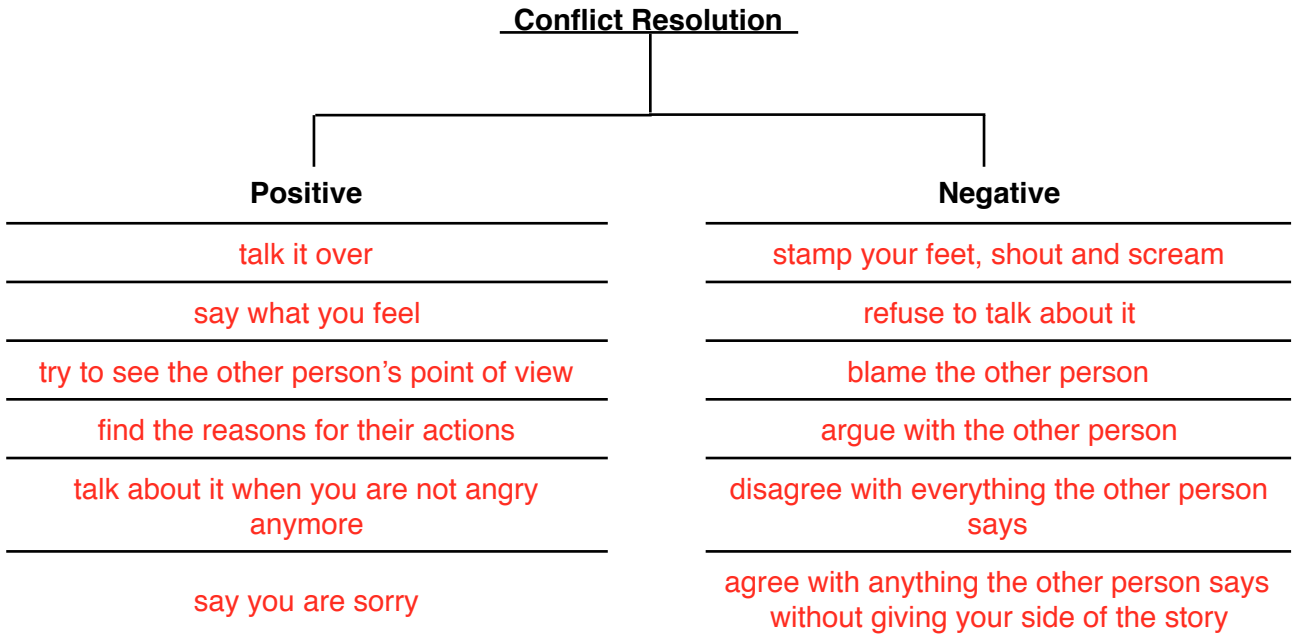
2. You want to help Kyle handle these situations better in future. Give Kyle eight tips on how to resolve a conflict situation.

Find out the facts before fighting. Try to solve the problem. Let each person speak without interruption. Respect the other person's feelings and ideas. Take responsibility for your actions. Be willing to compromise and come to an agreement. If you cannot find a solution, agree to let someone who won't take sides help you. Agree to a resolution by shaking hands or saying you are sorry.

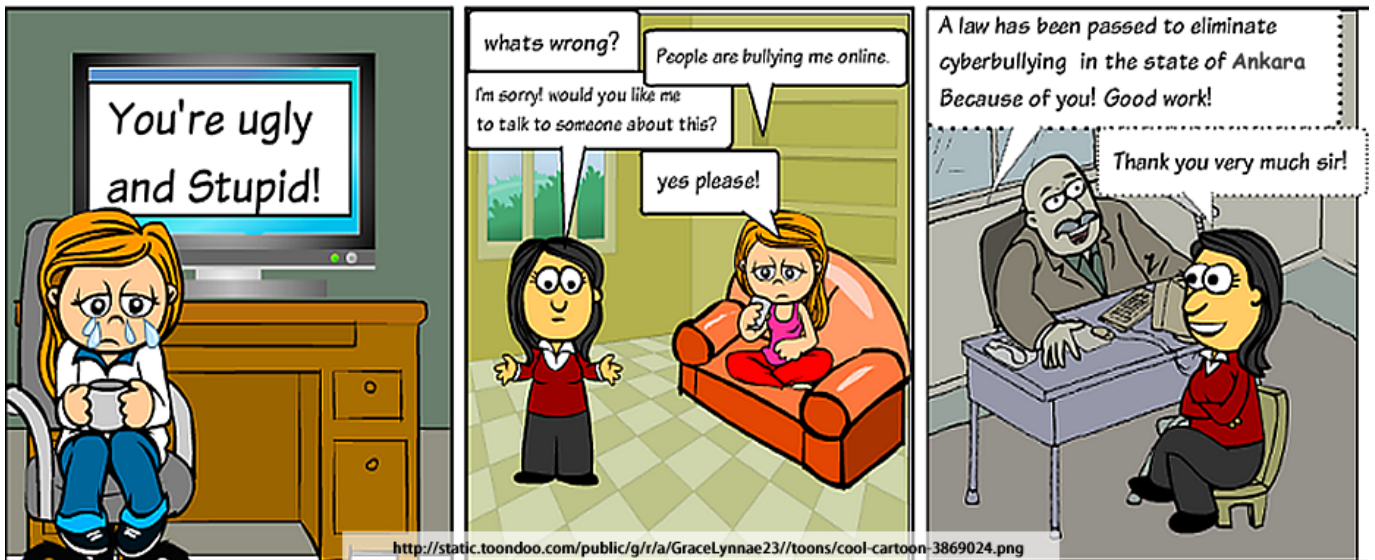
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