

Scenario Options for the Seventh-Grade Problem Solving Discussion

The 17 scenarios are meant to be separated on the dotted lines to be handed out individually:

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1. **You are walking around at a street fair with a group of friends and someone in your group yells out, "That's disgusting" at two women holding hands.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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2. **You are at a family event with a lot of relatives, and someone uses a racist term to talk about another cultural group (different than that of present family).**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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3. **You are at a party and some people you are talking with are discussing a girl and referring to her as a "whore" and saying that her clothing is "trashy."**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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4. **You are at the mall with a couple of friends, and you see a stranger yelling at a Spanish-speaking Latina and her child, telling her to "go back to your own country."**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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5. **You are with a group of kids on the playground, and someone in the group starts mocking a student with autism in your school, saying something about them being “an idiot” and “weird.”**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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6. **You and a friend who identifies as nonbinary are meeting a student new to the school. The new student asks your friend, “What are you?”**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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7. **You are out at Target with a friend and their mom, and your friend picks up a small item and stuffs it in the pocket of their hoodie. They dare you to do the same.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of behavior is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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8. **You are waiting in line at an ice cream store with a couple of friends, and you are behind an Asian American family. One of the kids in your group starts talking really loud in “fake Chinese,” and it is obvious that the family is aware of what is happening.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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9. **You go over to a friend's house for a sleepover, and while you are hanging out, they show you a pack of cigarettes that they stole from an uncle. They tell you that the two of you should try them "just this once."**

- How do you feel when this happens?
- What type of challenge is happening here?
- What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?

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10. **You are hanging out at a park with some friends and it's pretty snowy. One of the kids you are with starts throwing snowballs at cars as they pass and then ducking behind the bushes.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
- What type of challenge is happening here? What might happen?
- What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?

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11. **One of your classmates is making up words for sexual parts of the body and then keeps making jokes about other kids using these words. You know what they are doing, but the other kids don't seem to get it. They do seem uncomfortable, though.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
- What type of challenging behavior is happening here?
- What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?

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12. **You and another person are helping organize a trip for a club you are involved with. You are in charge of collecting five dollars from each person in the club. You see the other person put a five-dollar bill in their pocket instead of into the collection envelope that you have to turn in.**

- How do you feel when this happens?
- What type of challenge is happening here? What could happen?
- What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?

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13. A group of your friends are spending the night at your house. One of them starts to pull up pornographic movies (people having sex) on their phone. They start to show it to everyone.

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of challenge is happening here? What could happen?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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14. You are hanging out with a group of friends at a playground. You observe a man that you don't know yelling at a Muslim girl who is wearing a hijab (head scarf). He calls her a "terrorist" and makes comments like "run for your life, she has a bomb." He says, "I'm going to pull that scarf right off your head."

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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15. You are with a friend who is white, and they say the "N-word" in reference to a mutual friend of yours, who is black. They are saying it in a way that seems like they are trying to be cool, not cruel, like the way some people who are Black say "my N."

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of othering is happening here? Is this OK?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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16. You are hanging out at a friend's house, and they tell you that they have the password to another classmate's social media account. They want you to get online as that friend and talk to someone that the classmate has a crush on and ask them out.

- How do you feel when this happens?
 - What type of challenge is happening here?
 - What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?
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17. You are walking in your neighborhood with a few friends, and one of them starts acting like a person with a disability (walking and talking in a mocking way). They think this is hysterical, and everyone else is kind of laughing uncomfortably.

- How do you feel when this happens?
- What type of othering is happening here?
- What (if anything) could you consider doing about it, either in the present moment or later?

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