

# What Should You Do?

Please write your responses to each question in the space provided. Keep in mind there are no wrong answers. Please think carefully about the questions and share your own opinion.

## SCENARIO 1

Nafisa and her best friend Jad just had a huge fight. Afterwards, Nafisa shared a really mean post about Jad on social media. Later that night, Jad texts her and they forgive each other, but her post is still online.



What could happen?

Answers may vary.



What should Nafisa do? What should Jad do?

Some examples include: Someone could see the post and report Nafisa for bullying or misinterpret her and Jad's relationship and feelings towards each other. Jad might still perceive the post to be rude. It is probably a good idea for Nafisa to remove her post.



Can you think of a real-life example of this situation?

Students should reflect on examples they have encountered or heard of in the past. Bear in mind that sharing these real-life examples might be uncomfortable for students. Let them share examples of friends or people they know (vs. themselves).

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## SCENARIO 2

Dima took photos of some of her friends acting silly and posted them on social media, with hashtags that could sound rude or mean, but were actually inside jokes with her friends. The next day, Layla, another friend, came up to her at school and said that she thought that the hashtags were really hurtful.



What could happen?

Answers may vary.



What should Dima do? What else could Layla do?

Dima should apologize or explain herself. Students should consider how their actions may be perceived differently than they were intended, but that does not mean others' perceptions are invalid.



What if Layla had confronted Dima online instead of in person?

If Layla had confronted Dima on a public post, others would be able to weigh in on the issue and explain the inside joke or why the statement was offensive. It may be resolved or it may become a larger dispute amongst many other people. If Layla contacted Dima via an online message, then Dima would be able to discuss it with her in the aftermath and edit her post if she was convinced it was inappropriate.

## SCENARIO 3

Sarah was on social media when she discovered that Rayan, a boy at school, had taken a photo of her and written, "Haha #whatnottowear" (making fun of her clothes). Of course, Sarah was really upset.



What could happen?

Answers may vary.



What should Rayan do? What should Sarah do?

Sarah should confront Rayan about his actions to let him know that they were hurtful. Sarah can also report Rayan's actions to the social media platform and an adult (e.g. parent/guardian, teacher, or school administrator).

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