



Conflict Corner

Instructions: Conflict Corner is a weekly radio show where people call in with conflicts they're having and the hosts of the show help them solve their problems. This week, you'll be a guest host on the show, giving advice to kids with conflicts. The producers of the show have lined up several callers and gathered information about their conflicts ahead of time so that you'll have time to prepare your responses. Select one of the callers to give advice to. Before you start writing, check out articles on KidsHealth for ideas and information about dealing with conflict. Then, write a response to the caller that you can use during the radio broadcast, including the following information:

1. A clear description of the conflict
2. Reasons why it's important to resolve the conflict
3. Suggestions for resolving the conflict (include at least three)

Now you're ready to hit the airwaves to help kids resolve their conflicts! *Caller, you're on the air...*

Caller One: Katie

... and my teacher, Mrs. Miller, is so mean to me! She gives us so much work to do, and we never do anything fun. And when you get a question wrong in class, well, sometimes the kids cry, she's so hard on us. No matter what I do, Mrs. Miller's not going to like me, so I figure I'm just not going to do any more work. She's going to pick on me anyway, so what difference does it make? This one time ...

Caller Two: Ryan

... and then my parents actually let her pick the toy she wanted at the store. Can you believe that? It's all because my sister is the baby, and my parents pay so much attention to her. It's like I'm not even in the family. And I've been waiting for like a whole year for a new gaming system, but she always gets whatever she wants. When we go on a trip, it's always somewhere babyish, where she can go on little kid rides. I don't even want to be around her any more. I just go into my room whenever she comes near me. She makes me feel ...

Caller Three: Luke

... so I said, "You think your parents are mean? Mine won't even let me watch more than an hour of TV a day!" Can you believe that? I want to go to the movies with my friends on Saturday, and they said I couldn't. Well, last time they told me I couldn't do something, I just snuck out of the house and went anyway. I got in a lot of trouble, but ...

Caller Four: Hannah

... I mean, I don't even want to go to school. I just know that Penny is going to say something horrible about me in front of everyone. Like last week, when she tripped me in the cafeteria on purpose and I fell into my lunch tray, she made fun of me all day. Penny says the meanest things that hurt my feelings, and now even some of my friends don't want to hang out with me, because they don't want Penny to start picking on them. Once, she actually said ...

