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Deciding on Empathy

Instructions: Here are three tricky situations involving your best friend. Pick one of the situations to focus on, and use the chart below to help you record your thoughts about whether you would show empathy in the situation and what outcomes your decision might have.

- 1 You've been best friends with Sam since kindergarten. Since the start of school this year, you've become good friends with Taylor, too. But Sam told you yesterday that she's not going to be friends with Taylor anymore and neither should you. Now Taylor is sitting all alone in the cafeteria, looking really sad. What should you do?
- 2 Your best friend, Dan, has started to pick on Peter, a quiet kid in your class. You thought it was funny in the beginning, but now Dan's getting meaner and meaner. Peter tries to stay away from Dan during the day, but Dan just picks on him more. Peter is becoming more and more upset. Other kids in the class still think it's funny. What should you do?
- 3 Your best friend's grandmother just died. She wants you to come over on Saturday night to spend time with her after the funeral because she's been so sad. Your dad bought you tickets to go see your favorite team play on Saturday night. Besides that, you're not really sure what to say to your friend. What should you do?



Show Empathy:

Possible Good Outcomes:

Possible Bad Outcomes:



Don't Show Empathy:

Possible Good Outcomes:

Possible Bad Outcomes: