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Select a situation below and use the following problem-solving approach to come to a decision.

1. Identify the problem.
2. Consider the options.
3. Look at the pros and cons of each option.
4. Select an option.
5. Act on it.
6. Evaluate your decision.

LaVerne always had the best birthday parties. Her mom would take everyone to a movie and then they would have a sleepover. It was one of the highlights of the year. As usual, Macy, Sal, Ramsha, and Neesa got an invitation—but Maureen didn't. Maureen had always come to LaVerne's party, but this year, they had had a fight and she wasn't invited. Macy was Maureen's best friend and she didn't know what to do. Help!

Pedro was the video game champ. He had reached the top level in *Revenge III* and he was getting the newest video game, *Killing and Vendettas*, for his birthday on Saturday. Josh was invited and he really wanted to go. But there was a big problem. Josh's parents were very particular about what video games he was allowed to play and they had forbidden him to get *Killing and Vendettas* because of the violent content. He had to let Pedro know if he could come to the party by this afternoon, but he wasn't sure what he should do. Help!

Grace was one of the coolest kids in the school. She had a lot of friends, she was pretty and popular, and she was everybody's hero. Now Manny had a problem. He saw Grace steal Mrs. Li's wallet off her desk. Nobody else was in the room, but Grace saw him looking and just walked past him with a glare. What was he to do? Help!

Rolston was the newest kid in the school. He had thick glasses, wore unusual clothes, and talked with a lisp. All the kids tried to get him to talk so that they could laugh at him when he said words with an "s." One day, as Jamal and Sean were walking past Rolston in the hall, Jamal poked Sean and said, "It's your turn. Ask him to say 'Mississippi!'" Jamal and Sean had been friends for years and Sean didn't want to lose that friendship. He really felt pressured to tease Rolston, even though it didn't feel right. Help!