



## Conflict Corner

Instructions: Conflict Corner is an online chat in which middle school students share conflicts that they're having and the chat hosts help them solve their problems. This week, you'll be a guest host and give advice to students. Students have already posted their conflicts to you before the chat opens so you'll have time to prepare your responses. Take a look at the "Conflict Corner" handout to find out about the conflicts the students are having. Choose one of the students to give advice to. Before you start writing, check out the KidsHealth.org articles for ideas and information about dealing with conflict. Then, write a response to the student that you can use during the chat, including the following information:

- A clear description of the conflict
- Reasons why it's important to resolve the conflict
- At least two suggestions for resolving the conflict

Now you're ready to go online to help students resolve their conflicts!

*Student 1: Katie*

*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?*

*Student 2: Ryan*

*My sister is such a 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.*

*Students 3: Luke*

*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 I don't care.*

*Student 4: Hannah*

*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.*