

## Role-Playing

When awkward situations arise, it can be hard to be honest without hurting someone’s feelings. These role-playing script starters give students an opportunity to explore approaches to handling uncomfortable situations. Ask students to pair up. Then hand out the script starters below, one per pair. Instruct the students to create two short skits based on the situation described. The first skit should show a wrong way to handle the situation; the second skit should show a better way.

<p><b>“New” kid and spelling bee champ:</b> New kid wins spelling bee and the champ is having trouble offering congratulations.</p>	<p><b>Best friends (girls):</b> Girl wants to share her clothes with friend but friend thinks the clothes are ugly.</p>	<p><b>Two friends at sleepover:</b> The sleepover guest gets scared in the middle of the night and wants to go home.</p>
<p><b>Student and teacher:</b> Student doesn’t like the way the substitute teacher smells.</p>	<p><b>Two classmates:</b> one friend knows he/she wasn’t invited to the other one’s birthday party.</p>	<p><b>Big and little siblings:</b> Older sibling is left in charge and younger sibling thinks he/she is bossy.</p>
<p><b>Two siblings:</b> one sibling doesn’t like other sibling’s drumming and thinks he/she needs lessons.</p>	<p><b>Two siblings:</b> One loves to sing but can’t carry a tune... and wants to be in the other one’s band.</p>	<p><b>Retired neighbor and student:</b> Student doesn’t like neighbor’s yappy dog.</p>
<p><b>Husband and wife:</b> wife forgot about husband’s birthday.</p>	<p><b>Best friends (boys):</b> One friend thinks other friend doesn’t throw a ball well.</p>	<p><b>Parent and child:</b> parent thinks child hasn’t been doing his/her homework.</p>
<p><b>Grandparent and grandchild:</b> Child doesn’t like the gift given by grandparent.</p>	<p><b>Parent and child:</b> Child wants a puppy but parent doesn’t think he/she is ready.</p>	<p><b>Two friends:</b> When visiting, one doesn’t like the lunch served at other one’s house</p>

