

Pause and Choose a Strategy



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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. Describe the main problem in the situation.

Look for:

- Identifies the central situation rather than judging the person.

One possible response: A pretend child's tower falls. The child wants to knock over someone else's tower.

2. Name one possible feeling. What detail supports it?

Look for:

- Names a plausible feeling.
- Uses context; different reasonable feelings are acceptable.

One possible response: The child may feel frustrated.

3. Suggest a constructive next step.

Look for:

- Responds to the situation.
- Respects the people involved.

One possible response: Pause, breathe, ask for help or rebuild without harming others.

4. How might another person in the situation see it?

Look for:

- Describes a plausible perspective using the situation.

One possible response: Another person may have different needs or information.

5. What might happen after your suggested step?

Look for:

- Explains a plausible consequence.
- Does not claim certainty.

One possible response: A respectful response may help clarify the problem, but outcomes are not guaranteed.

6. Write or tell an adult a respectful sentence the character could use.

Look for:

- Expresses a need or next step clearly.
- Avoids threats or insults.

One possible response: A sentence that supports this strategy: Pause, breathe, ask for help or rebuild without harming others.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.