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Sliding Doors

Situation 1

Daniel, a friend of yours, returns to school after the holidays with a new haircut. Your other friends make comments about it, often making Daniel the butt of their jokes. Daniel is initially cheerful and laughs it off, but you can see it is starting to hurt him. When your group gets together again, Daniel seems cautious—waiting for the jokes to start. You realize you have a decision to make.

Door 1

You do not actively participate in the bullying but do nothing to stop it either. When your friends start the teasing again, you simply watch and maybe smile at some of their insults. After all, Daniel is just one person, you don't think that it's worth potentially losing the acceptance of your group for one person, and maybe it will all die down on its own eventually.

Door 2

When your friends start the teasing again, you ask them to stop, saying it isn't funny anymore. Daniel is your friend, too, and there are plenty of ways you can all have fun without putting him down.

Consequences of Door 1

Your friends continue the teasing; your watching and doing nothing seems to encourage them further, and eventually Daniel stops hanging out with the group.

Consequences of Door 2

A few of your friends are a little sheepish about your response, but, knowing that someone is willing to support Daniel, they stop the bullying, and your group returns to normal.

Situation 2

A group of your friends stays at James's place on Saturday night. The night is going well, but after a while you notice James has become annoyed. You ask him what is wrong, and he says that he has seen one of your friends, Jacob, going around and drawing with a black marker on all the family photos as a joke. He wants Jacob to stop because it will get him in trouble with his parents but doesn't want to cause a fight.

Door 1

You tell James you'll go with him to confront Jacob, and talk to some others who agree to support James too.

Door 2

You agree with James that ruining the photos is too extreme for a joke but let him confront Jacob by himself.

Consequences of Door 1

James tells Jacob he has seen him vandalizing the photos and to stop. Jacob tries to make a joke out of it, but the rest of your group tells him that he shouldn't have done it. Jacob quickly backs down and apologizes to James. You all help clean the photos up, and the rest of the night goes well.

Consequences of Door 2

James tells Jacob he has seen him vandalizing the photos and to stop. Jacob jokes about it, and the two argue and eventually get into a yelling match. Jacob doesn't apologize, and James cleans up the photos by himself. The rest of the night is tense.



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Situation 3

A friend of yours is passionate about football, and he starts his own blog, writing about his favorite team. He is very excited about the blog and asks you to read it. When you check it out one night, you find one reader has been posting consistently rude and critical comments. There are very few other comments. When you talk to your friend about the blog at school, he is far less enthusiastic and says he is thinking about closing it.

Door 1

When you check the blog again that night, you post a bunch of encouraging, positive comments, making sure to point out that you disagree with the rude reader's opinion.

Door 2

You don't check the blog again. Your friend says he was thinking about abandoning it anyway.

Consequences of Door 1

Your friend is really encouraged by the positive feedback, his passion is renewed, he continues writing on his blog, and he draws more and more readers.

Consequences of Door 2

Your friend writes for a little while longer, but the constant stream of negativity from the single rude poster puts him off, and he stops writing the blog.

Situation 4

Today, tetanus shots are being given out at your school. Your class is scheduled at lunchtime. One of your friends, Sam, has a fear of needles and has previously fainted after being given a shot. At lunch, you go and get your shot. Afterward, some other friends want you to go and play basketball with them. You see Sam still waiting to get his shot, and he is visibly nervous and panicked.

Door 1

You tell your other friends to hang on for a minute, and you go to talk to Sam. You tell him jokes and stories to try and take his mind off the shot. When it's his turn, he is much more relaxed. After he's had his shot, you sit down with him to make sure he's all right.

Door 2

You go and play basketball and leave Sam by himself. He has to learn to deal with needles on his own eventually.

Consequences of Door 1

Sam is fine, and he doesn't faint. You go and join the basketball game later, but only get to play for the last quarter of recess.

Consequences of Door 2

Sam comes out pale and shaky. He ends up feeling faint and has to go to the nurse. You hear some students in your class joking about it.



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Situation 5

After school one day, you and two friends, Michael and Jess, go to the local drug store. Jess grabs a handful of chocolate bars and thrusts them into her pocket. Michael giggles, and Jess shushes him and gestures for him to take something too. Michael grabs some lollipops at the counter and shoves them into his pocket. They are turning it into a game. Next, they gesture for you to take something.

Door 1

You shake your head at Michael and Jess and refuse to take anything. Michael starts to look hesitant and he puts back the lollipops when Jess gets worried about what they have done.

Door 2

You don't want to risk losing their friendship, so you grab some lollipops and put them in your pocket.

Consequences of Door 1

You all leave. Outside, Jess teases you about refusing to take any lollipops. You tell her that the store has security cameras and that you'd have to be a fool to try and shoplift there. She stops teasing you.

Consequences of Door 2

On the way out, the shopkeeper stops the three of you and tells you to empty your pockets. Michael and Jess immediately run, and after hesitating for a moment, you run too. The shopkeeper doesn't chase you, but you worry that he has recorded you on the security cameras. You don't know what you should tell your parents.

Situation 6

There is a new boy in your class named George. When your friends organize to spend a day at the beach, you decide to invite George along so he can make some friends. While at the beach, your group climbs some of the rocks by the shore. When you've all made it to the top, one of your friends jokingly suggests that George jump off into the water as an initiation rite. You know it's just a joke because no one else in your circle had to go through an initiation, but the others catch on to the idea, and soon they are all jeering George to make the plunge. You don't think the jump would be safe, and while George looks hesitant, you think he'll probably cave in to the pressure and actually do it.

Door 1

You say nothing, neither jeering along with the others nor speaking against them.

Door 2

You tell George he doesn't have to do it. When some of the others try to argue with you, you tell them it's not safe to jump off the rock.

Consequences of Door 1

George reluctantly agrees under the barrage of pressure. He jumps in and immediately cries out in pain. You rush to the water's edge and find he has a nasty scrape all the way down his leg from a submerged rock.

Consequences of Door 2

The group quiets down, and George thanks you. You all go back to enjoying the beach.

