

Anger vignettes

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Instruction

I'm going to read eight short stories. For each story I could imagine that you would feel angry if you would actually experience it. After each story I will ask you how angry you would feel if you would actually experience the situation and what you would say to the other person. Note that there are no good or bad answers; I am only interested in the way you think. The stories might sometimes seem similar, but try to listen carefully, since they are different every time. Try to imagine how you would feel and what you would say if you would experience the situation, okay?

Friend vignettes

1. You are on your way to a party together with a friend. Your parents bought new clothes for you to wear to this party! You dressed up and think you look nice. You feel good about yourself. On the way to the party your friend gets a can of coke out of his/her pocket. (S)he opens the can in a way that the coke spills on you. Your face and clothes are now covered in coke. You feel angry.
2. Your teacher is leaving the school to move to another city. You feel very sorry, because it is your favorite teacher. Together with your friend you decide to make a digital collage with the pictures you've taken with your cell phones. You are determined to make a nice collage, because you want to be sure that the teacher will remember you well. You are very happy with the result; you have never made something this nice. When you want to give the collage the next day to the teacher, your friend spills a drink all over your collage! You feel angry.
3. Today, you have an appointment to meet two friends from your class to visit a fair close to your school. You have not been there yet and are very excited to go. You wait for your friends at the playground after school, but you don't see them. You wait a long time, and eventually, you go home alone. The next morning, you meet your friends at the school playground. They walk up to you and tell you how much fun they had the other day. You feel angry.
4. Your family has planned a daytrip to visit your aunt, who is only in the Netherlands/Morocco for a short while. She is your favorite aunt. She lives abroad, so you hardly ever see her. But now your friend has asked you to help him/her with his/her math assignment. You are very good at math and your friend is scared to fail his/her exam. You promised to help him/her, so you can't go to your aunt. But...when you get to your friend's house, s/he tells you that s/he doesn't have time to do math because s/he is busy with something else. Your family has already left. You feel angry.

Unknown peer vignettes

5. You have bought new shoes. You are very happy with these shoes. They were very expensive, but you think they are awesome! The first day you are wearing your shoes,

you buy yourself your favorite milkshake. When you leave the store, a boy/girl your age bumps into you very hard. The shake falls out of your hands and spills over your new shoes. You feel angry.

6. Your teacher, who is really nice, is immigrating to Spain. You decide to make a scrapbook for him with pictures and facts about Spain. You find the information from the Internet. It takes you a lot of time, because it's hard to find nice websites. Finally you finish the scrapbook. You are very happy with the result and you think that the teacher will be proud of you! On the way to school a boy/girl your age bumps into you very hard and your scrapbook falls into a puddle of water. It's soaking wet and it's ruined. You feel angry.

7. There is a festival in town, and you really want to go there. You have heard that your friends' acquaintance has a ticket left that (s)he is willing to sell. You arrange to meet with this acquaintance in front of the festival entrance to buy the ticket. You wait a long time, but the boy/girl does not show up. The next day you see that boy/girl at school. (S)he talks up to you and tells you how much fun (s)he had the other day at the festival. You feel angry.

8. An old friend, who moved to Belgium, is back in town for one day. You have missed him/her. But now your teacher has asked you to help a boy/girl from another class to search the Internet for information for his/her presentation. You promised your teacher to help, so you can't meet with your old friend. But...when you meet with the boy/girl s/he tells you that s/he doesn't have time to search the Internet because s/he is busy with something else. Your old friend now has made other arrangements. You feel angry.