

Weekly Concept **Getting Along**



Essential Question

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Trying to Fit In

It's a big crowded world out there, and we must work to figure out ways to live together. What can we do to get along well with others?

- ▶ This beach crowd consists of a colony of King Penguins and their chicks, and Southern Elephant Seals. Somehow they make it work!
- ▶ Part of getting along is learning to resolve a conflict when it arises. If we cannot resolve it, someone else may need to intervene.

Talk About It



Write words you have learned about how to get along with others. Then talk about a time you did not get along with someone and how you handled it.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentences to talk with a partner about each word.



abruptly

Playing in the park ended **abruptly** because of a sudden rainstorm.

What else might cause an activity to end abruptly?



ally

My little brother says that a dog is the best **ally**, even for a superhero.

When might an ally be important?



collided

The players **collided** on the field, and both fell down.

What could happen if two cars collided?



confident

The more you practice a song before a concert, the more **confident** you will feel.

How might practicing a lot make you feel more confident?



conflict

To resolve their **conflict** over who would use the remote control, the sisters finally agreed to take turns.

What else can cause a conflict?



intervene

When the referee saw the players arguing, he had to **intervene** to stop them.

When else might a person need to intervene?



protective

Every bicycle rider should always wear a **protective** helmet.

How is an umbrella protective?



taunting

Outside the window, a squirrel seemed to be **taunting** my cat.

When have you seen people taunting other people?

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

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The Bully



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Read about how one student tries to deal with a bully.

Michael saw the trouble coming from all the way at the end of the school hallway. There standing by the stairs was J.T., the school bully who enjoyed **taunting** anyone he felt like at any given moment. J.T. was tall and strong, so few of his victims were willing to stand up to him and defend themselves. Michael hated the idea that he let J.T. get away with these offenses. Yet like most of the other kids who were picked on, he just took it quietly and waited for the unpleasant moment to pass.

J.T. walked directly toward Michael, his eyes locked on the books that Michael carried under his arms. When they met in the middle of the hallway, J.T. stopped **abruptly** and snapped at Michael, "Hey, let me see those books!" A group of students watched as Michael held out the books he was carrying, trying not to tremble to reveal how nervous he was.

J.T. grabbed a math book, looked inside for a second, and then shoved the book at Michael, who dropped all the books he held. "Hey, those books are school property," J.T. barked, "so don't let them fall to the floor!" Then he walked away, laughing loudly.

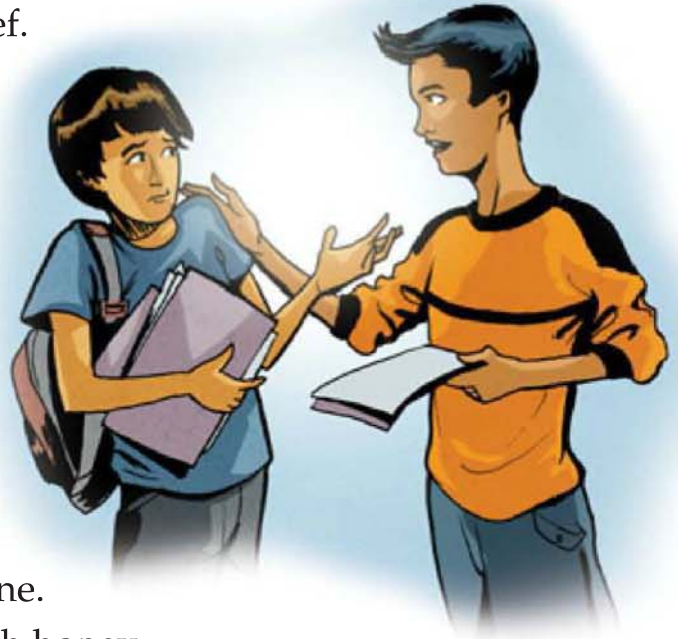
Michael, his cheeks turning red, half kicked the fallen books. Suddenly a hand appeared beside Michael and picked up an adventure novel as it slid away. "You look like you could use an **ally**," a friendly voice said with a laugh.



Michael turned around and saw that it was Ramon. He was the school's star baseball player, basketball player, and everything-else-player you could name. Michael couldn't believe that Ramon was stopping to help him. The two had barely spoken to each other since the school year began.

"Thanks," Michael sighed with relief. "It's so confusing. I don't know what his problem is."

"I've been watching you in the halls," Ramon said, "and as I see it, you need to find a way to end this **conflict** with J.T." Michael nodded, stuck for what to say. "Well," Ramon continued, "I can tell you what my grandmother used to tell me whenever I had a problem with someone. She'd say, 'You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.'"



Looking puzzled, Michael asked, "What does that mean?"

"It means that being kind to your enemies may be more effective than being angry at them," Ramon explained.

"What if you just **intervene** and tell J.T. to stop picking on me?" Michael suggested. "I think he'd leave me alone if you threatened him."

"That's vinegar," Ramon laughed as he walked away. "Try honey instead."

That night, Michael thought about the advice that Ramon had given him. It sounded like a good plan, but deep down Michael wasn't very **confident** that it would actually work with J.T.

The next day in school brought Michael's usual misery. There stood J.T., and Michael knew it would be just a matter of seconds before the two of them **collided** in the middle of the hall.

As J.T. came nearer, Michael wished he had Ramon's **protective** arm to stop the bully from attacking. Then, suddenly, the unexpected happened. J.T. accidentally tripped. He fell down, and his own armful of books went flying across the floor.

For a moment, all was silent. The crowd of students in the hallway froze, waiting to see what J.T. would do next. As J.T. slowly stood up, Michael had an idea. He bent down, quickly picked up J.T.'s books from the floor, and offered them to him.

Michael said, "You look like you could use an ally."

J.T. was speechless, completely thrown by Michael's act of kindness. He took the books and muttered quickly, "Uh, thanks."

As J.T. walked away, Michael caught Ramon in the corner of his eye. Ramon gave him a big smile and a "thumbs-up." "My grandmother would be proud of you," Ramon said.

"It's just honey," Michael grinned. "I hope it sticks."



Make Connections

Talk about how Ramon's advice affected Michael's problem with J.T. **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

What advice would you give to someone being bullied? Give reasons to support your opinion.

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