SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MEDIA PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL CHANGE - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS * STEREOTYPES

BONUS * SELF-CONCEPT

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SEXUAL HEALTH

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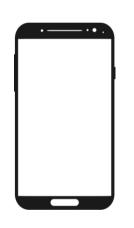




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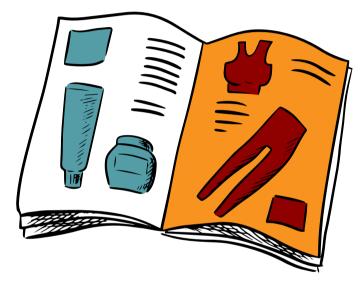
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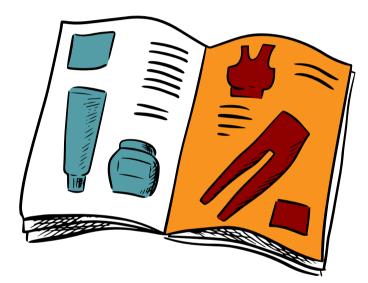
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No, in its current state it would appear to be some type of

fashion or healthcare magazine. Nothing of a sexual nature.

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make it sexually explicit.

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Answers will vary. Examples: a dominate person who is forcing themselves on another person. A look of sadness on one with the other person looking angry. The use of rude or abusive language.

An older person getting too close to a youngster.

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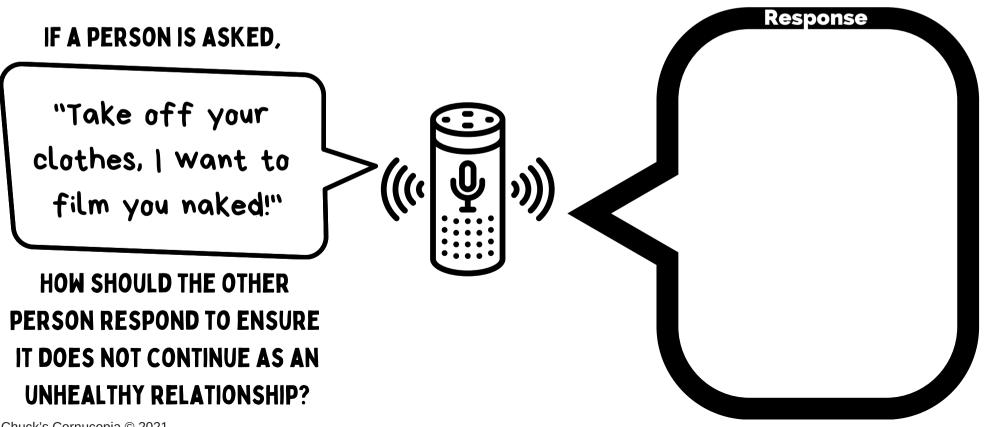


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Answers will vary. These are positive relationships as the two couples appear to be having fun in the park. They are touching each other in a positive, non-threatening or non-abusive manner. We see laughing and sharing. These are things we might do ourselves.

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IF A PERSON IS ASKED,

"Take off your clothes, I want to film you naked!"

HOW SHOULD THE OTHER
PERSON RESPOND TO ENSURE
IT DOES NOT CONTINUE AS AN
UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

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Example of a response.

Response

Sorry, but I will not do that as you are making me feel uncomfortable.

I am going to leave as my parent(s) is/are wondering where I am.

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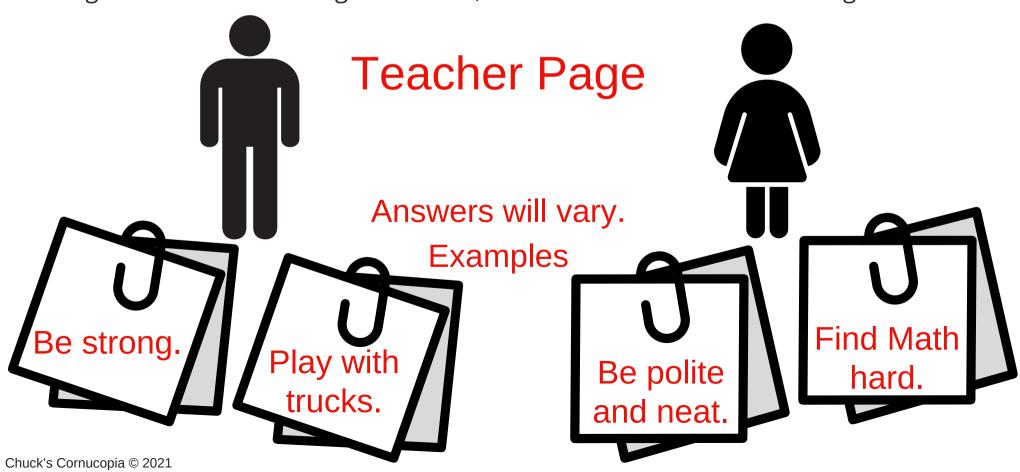
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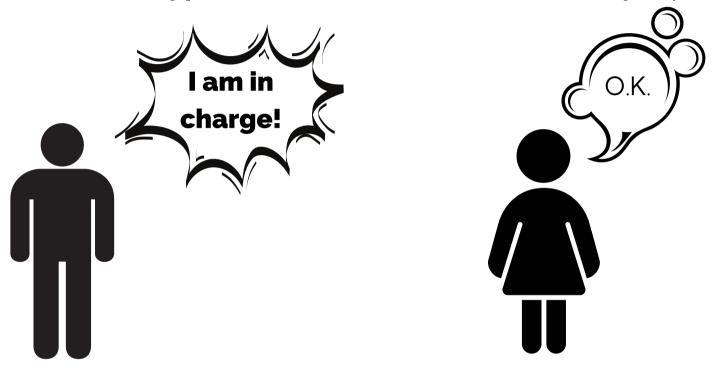


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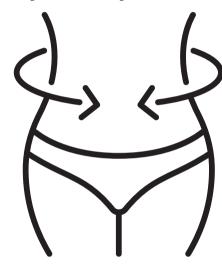


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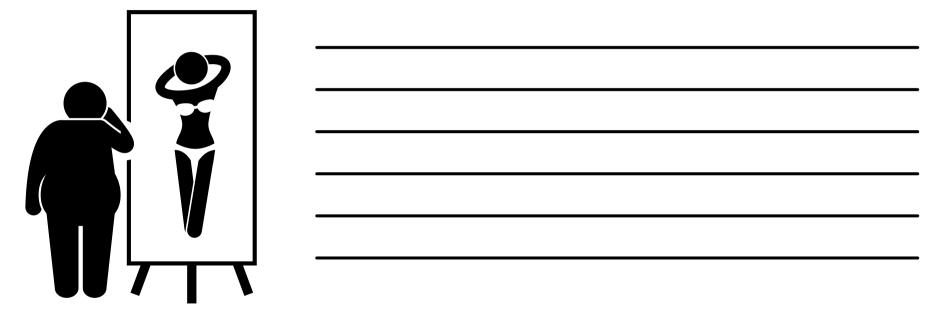
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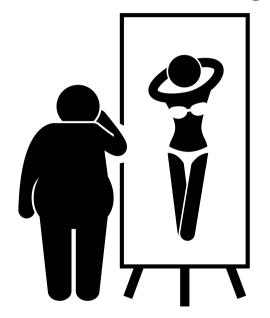
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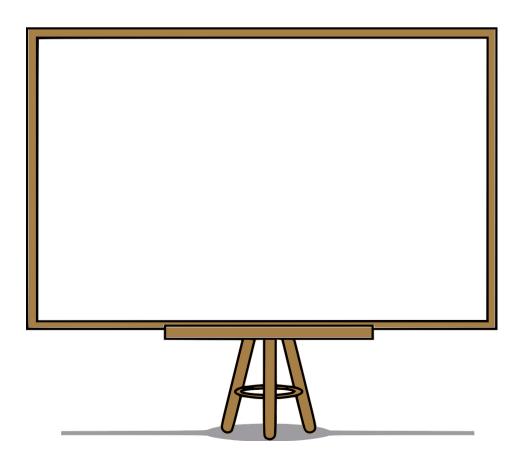
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- -facial hair
- -girls starting to develop
- -friendships change
- -"boyfriends/girlfriends"
- -new interests

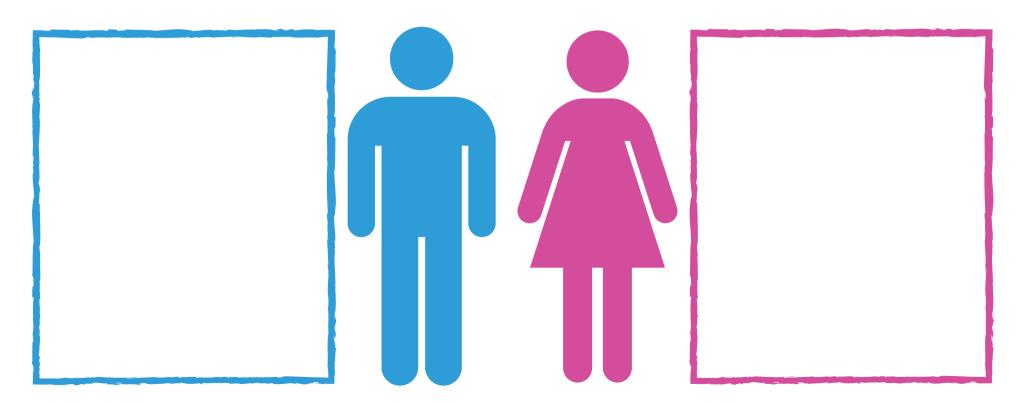
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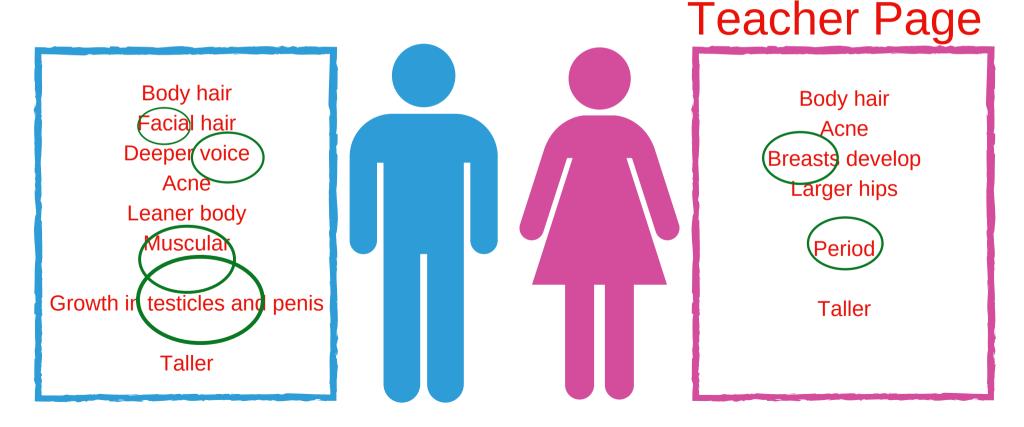
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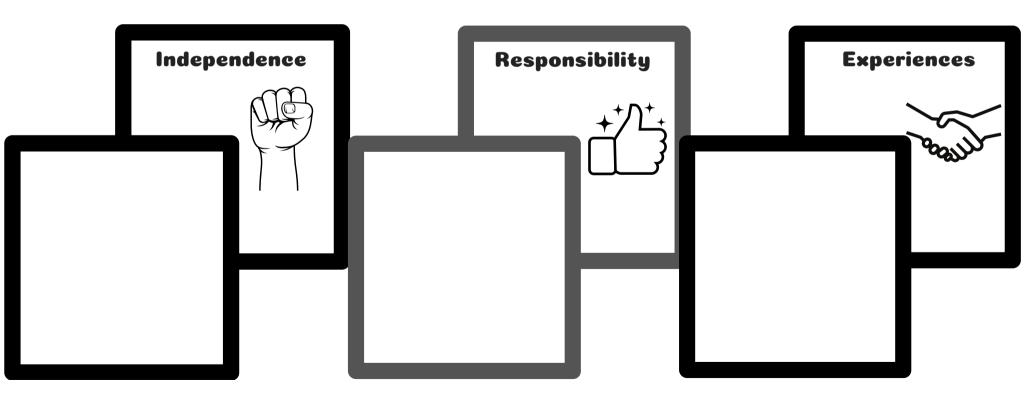
Social changes, while not as visible, can be noticed by subtle changes in an adolescent. It could be as simple as the new clothing styles the young person begins to wear or the music that now interests them. Puberty is a period of discovering their identity, how they fit into the world.

Can you help these adolescents navigate through their social change by giving them a new identity? Redraw them as they move from childhood into adolescence.



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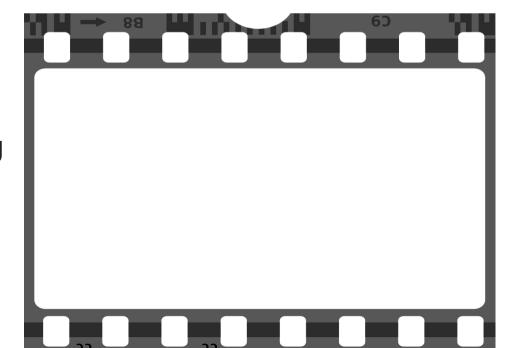
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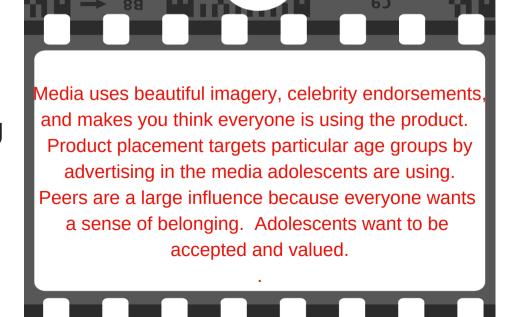
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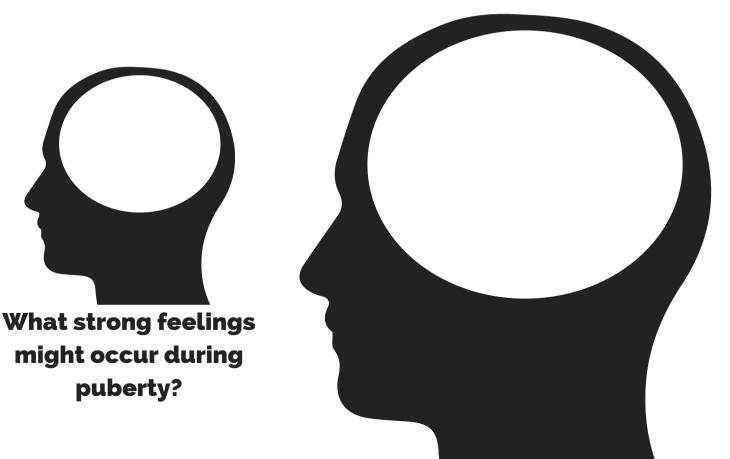
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appearance athleticism acne clothing

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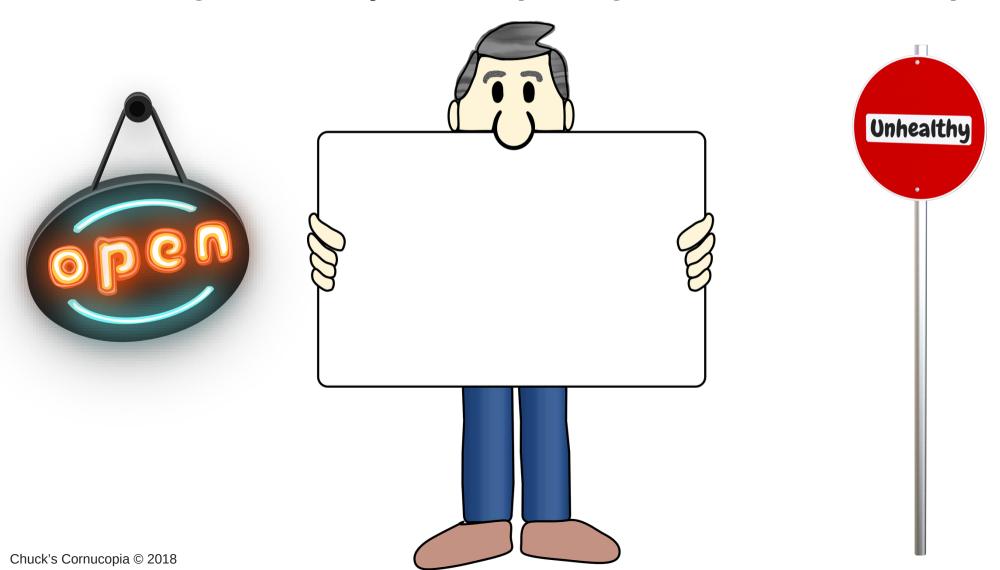
They will never post the fights or arguments.

Television shows often have perfect families or end with everyone happy and hugging. They show issues are quick and easy to resolve. Parents with no stress, kids with little homework so that they can focus more on their relationships.

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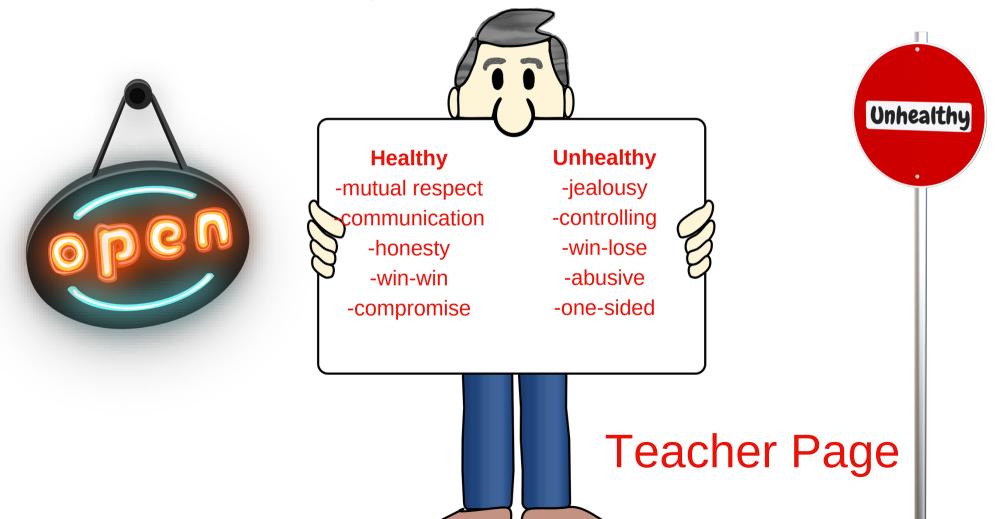
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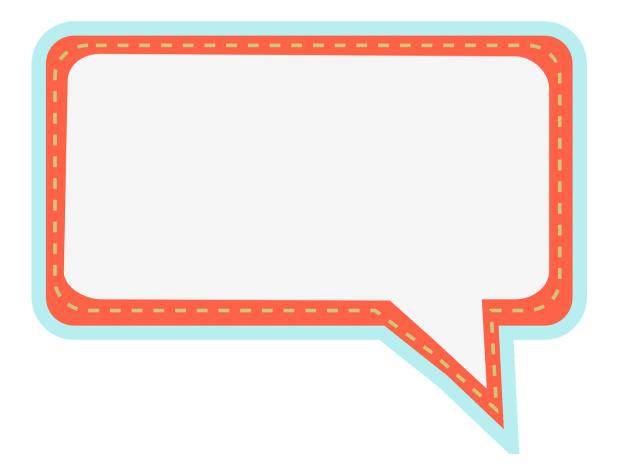
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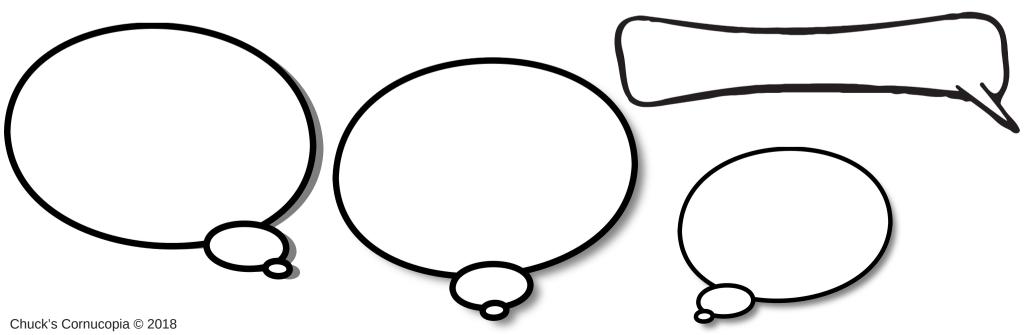
-Talk about how you feel with someone you trust
-Learn from the situation to apply in the future
-Treat other with respect and empathy
-Explain reasons and feelings
-Do so in person, not online or over the phone
-Be sensitive to the feelings of other person

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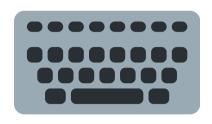


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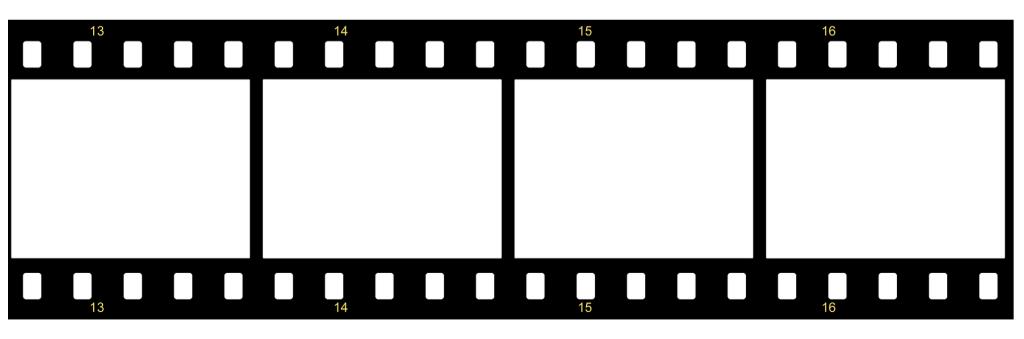
Kids from certain cultures are either particularly smart, enjoy a specific sport, or only eat one type of food.

Girls like to wear dresses or have flowers in their hair.

Tall students must be good at basketball.

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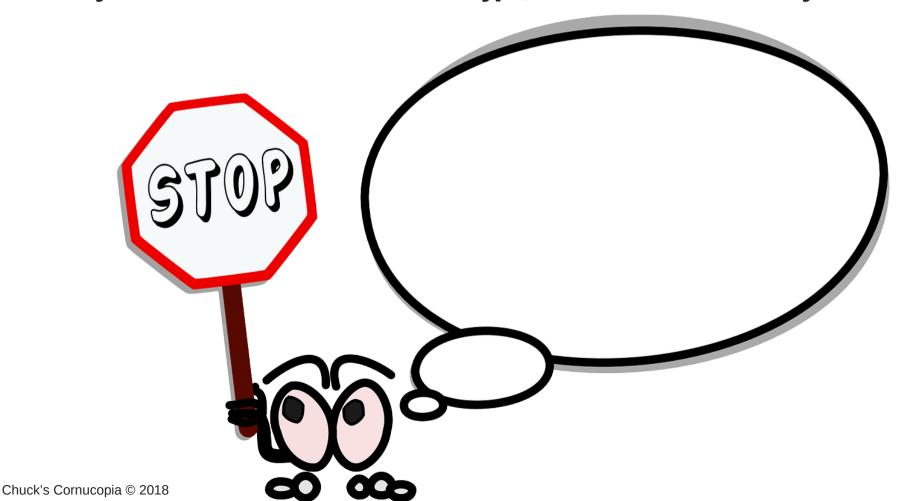
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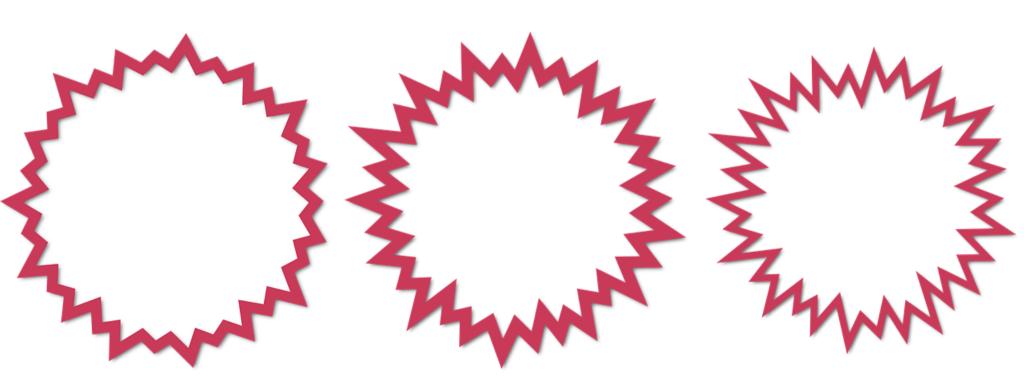
If you are considered "lazy" because of your size or not that smart because you ask many questions, how would that make you feel? Maybe your cultural background makes people create an assumption about you that does not fit at all. Would you be happy about that?

What stereotype do you sense or know has been attributed to you? What have you done to combat that stereotype, and how does it make you feel?



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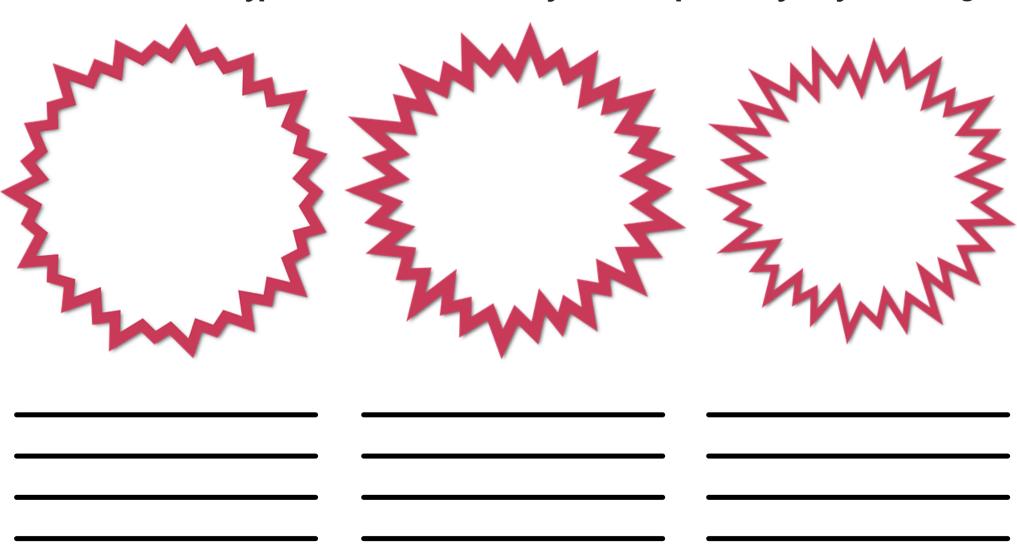
Ask questions so that you can be informed.

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Show
or offer support
to those who
have differences
in backgrounds
or family
structures.

Can you be a source of information in order to bust stereotypes?

List three stereotypes that are common to you and explain why they are wrong.



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Human Development and Sexual Health

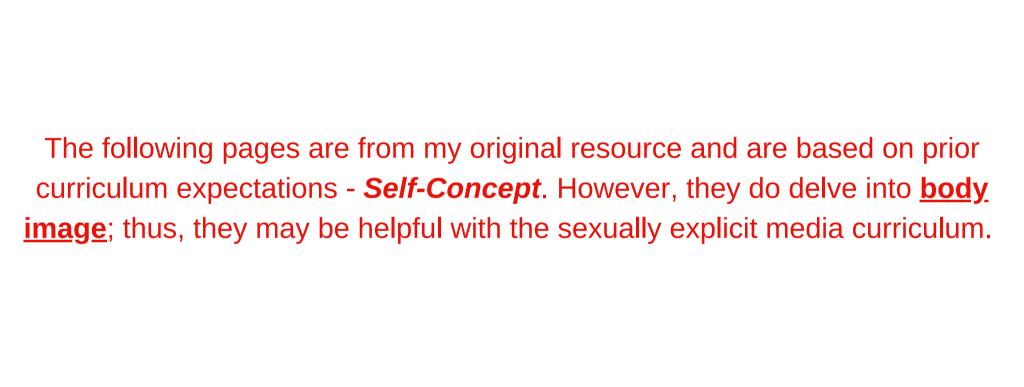
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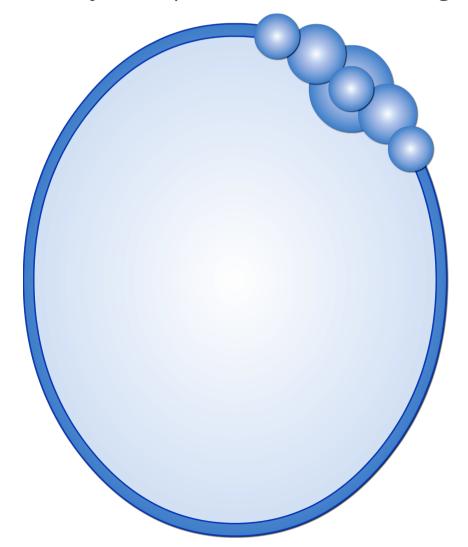
BONUS (From previous expectations)

Development of understanding of self

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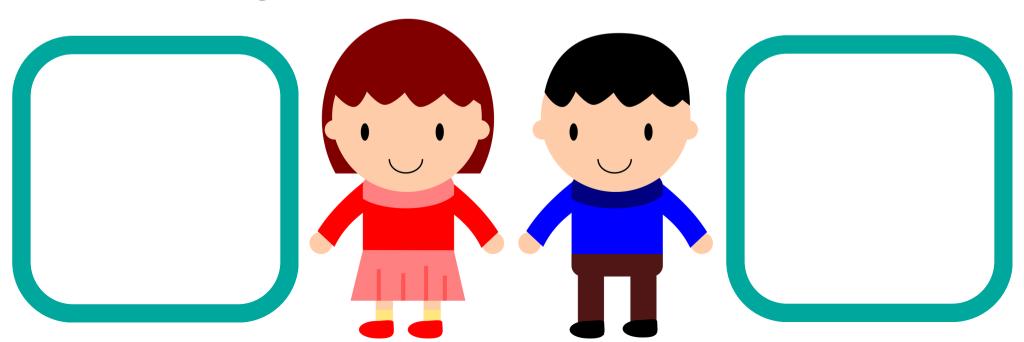
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I am 11 years old.
I am shy.
I am good in sports.
I am tall.
I am friendly.
I have a lot of friends.
I tend to worry a lot.
I help others.
I am religious.

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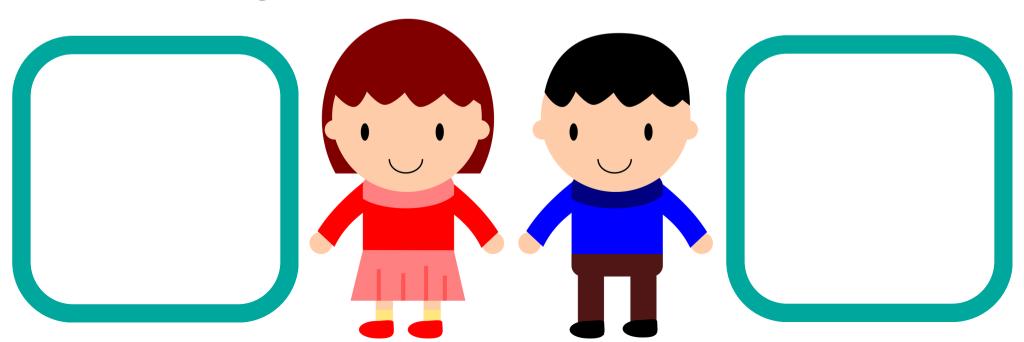
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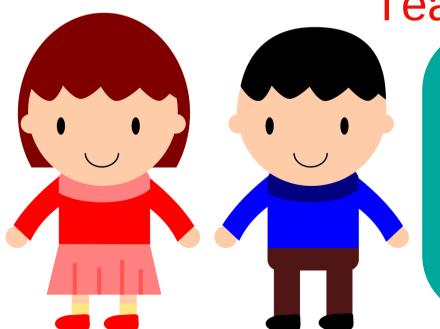
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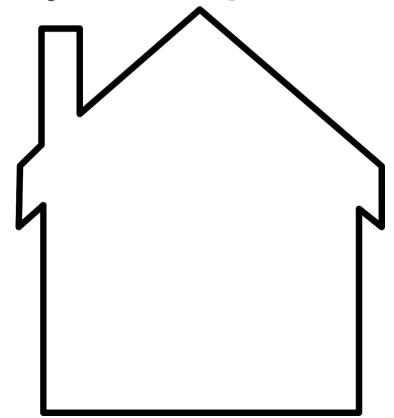
A girl
Brown hair
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I am nice
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A boy
Black hair
small
I am fast
I am strong
I am good

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with child
-age-appropriate tasks to gain
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-spending time together
-supporting child's interests
-age appropriate rules
-allow to explore their environment
-acknowledge effort with

encouragement

-using positive language

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Give an example of how your self-concept can be negatively affected outside the home.

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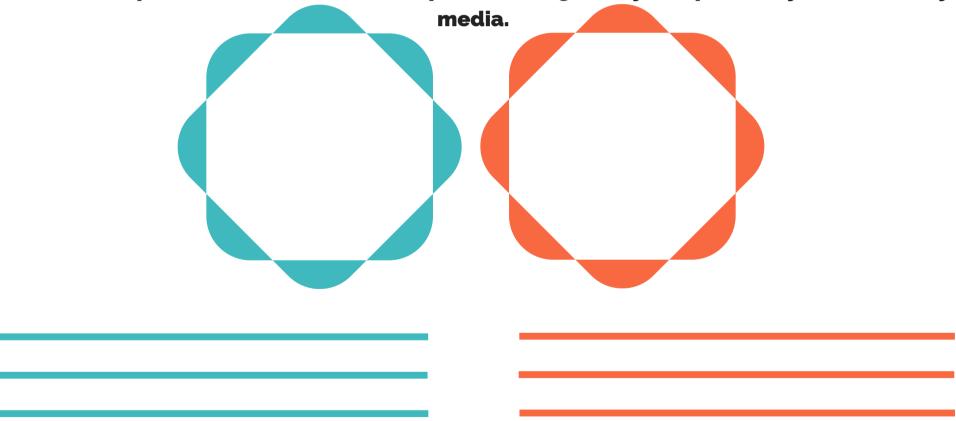
Encourage kids to think
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about themselves or think
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etc.

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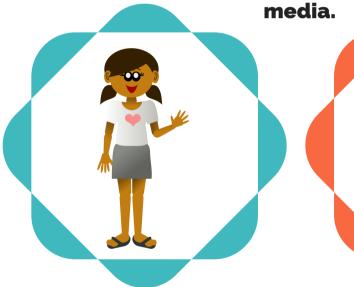
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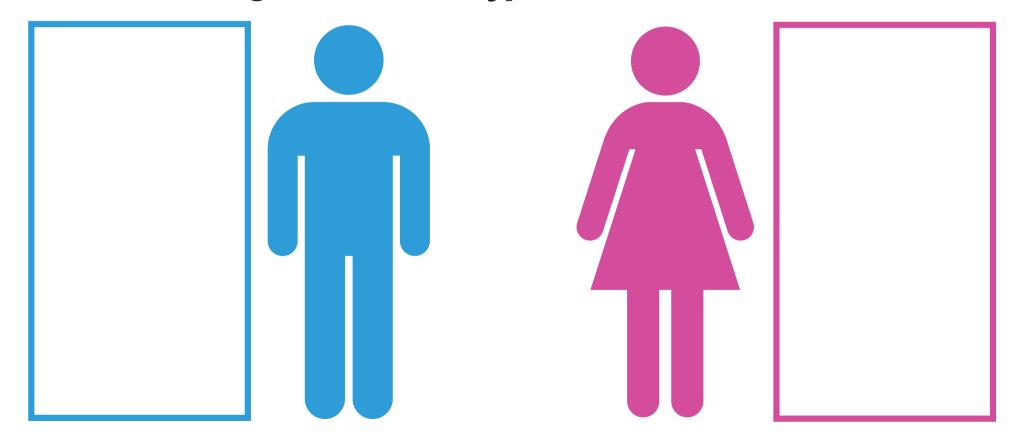
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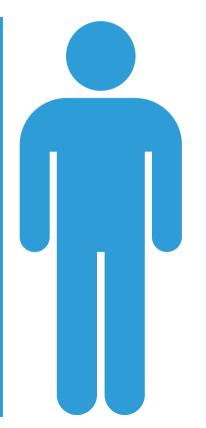
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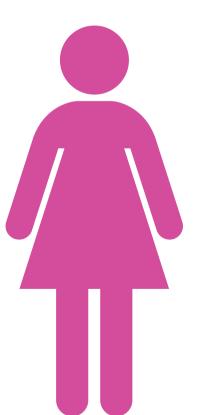


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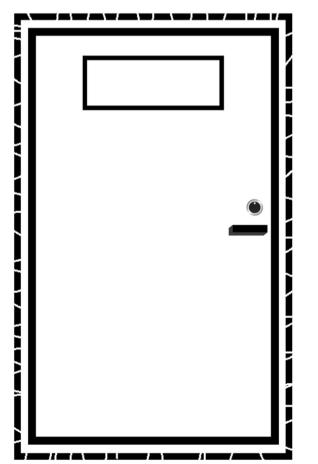
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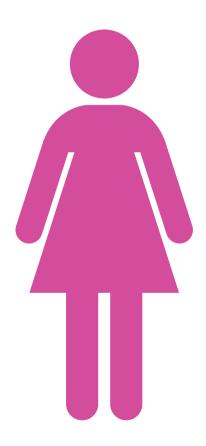
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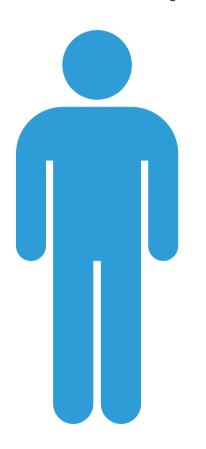






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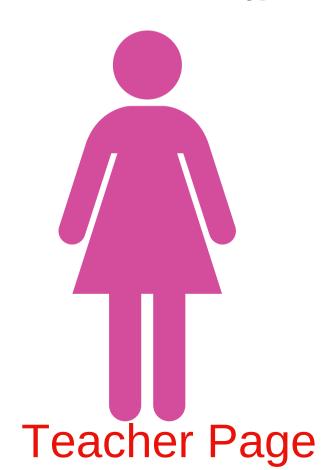


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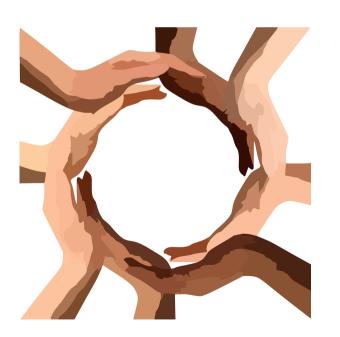
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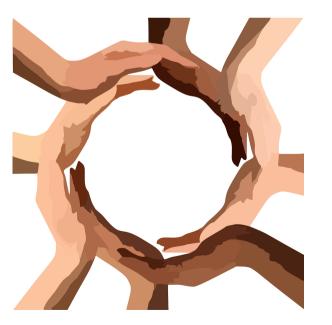
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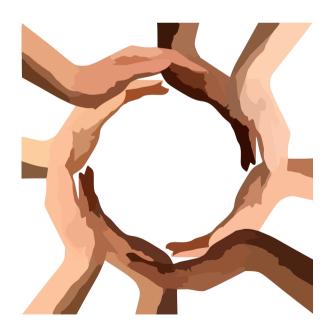


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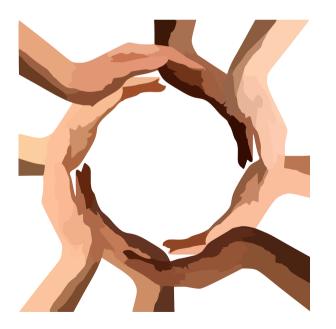


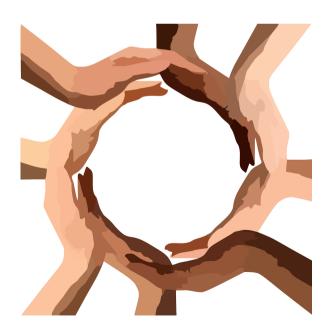


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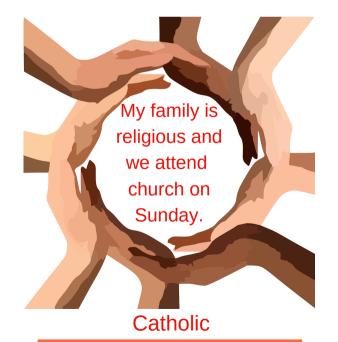


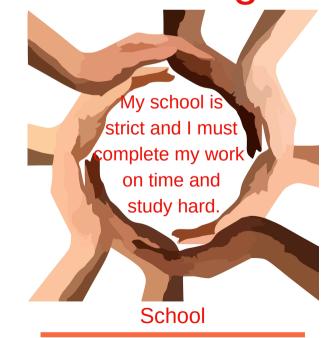
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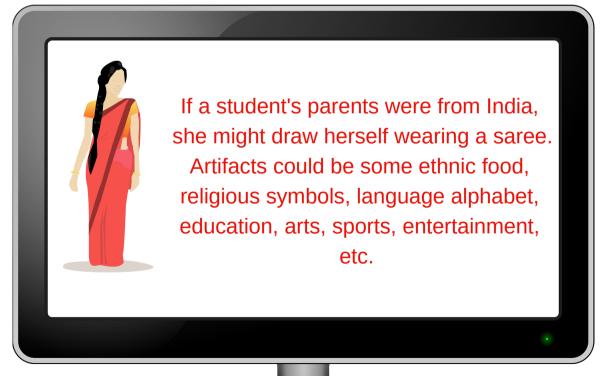
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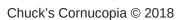
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Also taking care of sister.

YouTube stars are really good at gaming and I am not even close to their level..

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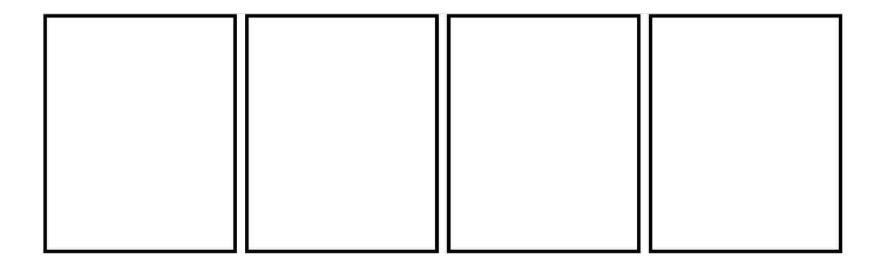
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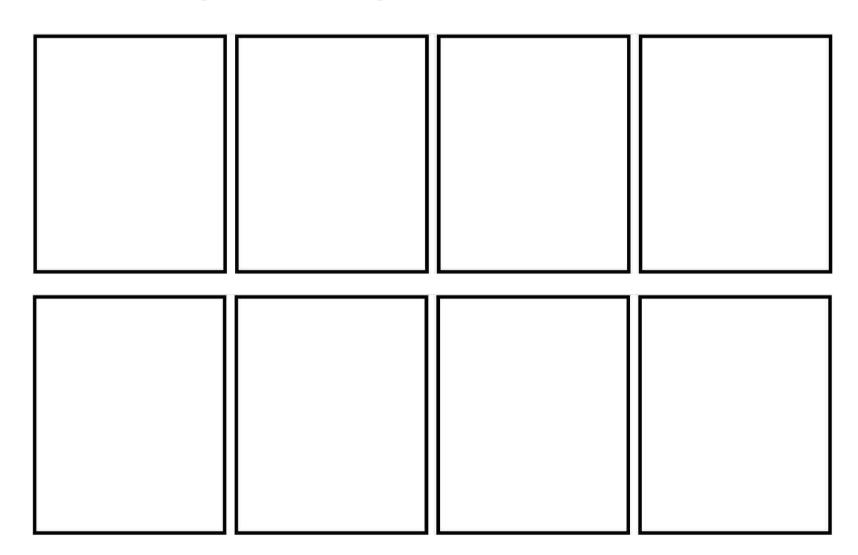
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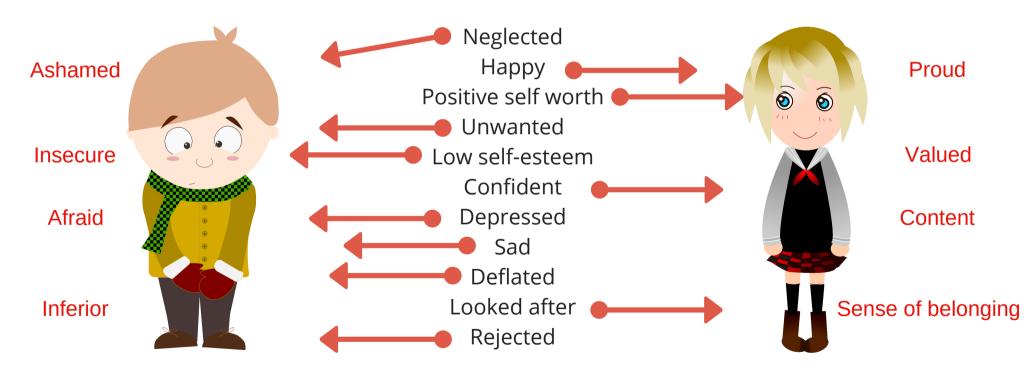
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