

You Decide Scenarios

Encourage students to raise their own ideas and reflect critically about these situations. Highlight and/or elicit the points below.

Scenario: Cameron and Finn

- It is important to have conversations about STI and pregnancy prevention before sexual intercourse, even though it can be an uncomfortable conversation.
- If Finn isn't ready to have those conversations yet, they are probably not ready or mature enough for sexual activity.
- Cameron should wait to have sex until they are able to have an open and honest conversation about STIs and pregnancy with their partner.

Scenario: Chris and Hareem

- Chris should tell Hareem that he isn't interested and dance somewhere else; if it will make him feel more comfortable.
- If Hareem continues, Chris should tell a trusted adult at the dance.
- Remember, consent needs to be given for all sexual contact, including kissing and touching on top of clothes.

Scenario: Sam and Jen

- Sam has already told Jen that she is not ok with Jen making comments about her butt, which is a good first step.
- If the issue continues, Sam should tell a trusted adult, such as a teacher or parent/guardian.
- Sexual harassment is not acceptable. There are consequences for individuals who continue to harass others.
- If Jen were to touch Sam's butt, this is also unacceptable. Consent needs to be given for all sexual contact; in this case, no consent was given.

Scenario: Elena and Bryan

- Elena and Bryan need to discuss boundaries and sexual limits, what kind of STI protection they will use, how they can prevent pregnancy prevention, and each other's sexual history.
- Elena and Bryan can visit a sexual health clinic or a school nurse in high school to be tested for STI's before they have sex, to make sure that they are both healthy and will keep their partner healthy.
- It is important that consent is given by both partner's before engaging in any sexual activities.

Scenario: Josh and Kyle

- While two males having sex are not at risk for pregnancy, they are at risk for STI's.
- It is a myth that homosexual male relationships do not need a condom for sexual intercourse.
- Josh should say that they do need a condom to keep each other safe from STIs, and that sex will not happen without one.
- Josh and Kyle should also discuss their sexual history with each other and visit a sexual health clinic or a school health nurses to be tested for STIs before having sex.

Scenario: Taylor and Claire

- Claire and Taylor need to stop and have a conversation about sexual limits and boundaries.
- Whatever they decide, they both need to be comfortable with the pace of the relationship and accept their partner for their choices, when they are ready to engage in sexual activities.
- Communication and consent are important in this scenario.

Scenario: Morgan

- Morgan can tell her friends that she doesn't want to talk about it, or ask to change the subject.
- She can be honest with her friends and say that she's just not ready for a relationship yet. She can discuss that she has other priorities like school and/or sports.

- It is important that Morgan remember her values and interests, so she can make choices that are best for her.
- If Morgan is worried about this, she can talk to a trusted adult.

Scenario: Jamie and Payton

- Consent, even after it has already been given, can be withdrawn at any time.
- Payton needs to have a conversation with Jamie about these concerns and about sexual activity in their relationship.
- Payton should discuss their boundaries and limits with Jamie, and vice versa.
- It is important to be in a healthy relationship that allows for open lines of communication and honesty. A consent conversation never ends; it is ongoing.