

This is what happened...

Use heavy stock paper to print the cards.

Cut them out, putting the happy faces in one section, and the unhappy faces in another. Turn over all of the cards.

Take turns going first. Choose a card from the unhappy pile.

Look at the character and describe what kind of disrespectful incident you think might have occurred to make that character unhappy.

Then have the other person choose a card from the happy pile.

Now describe how the incident was turned around by that character, using respectful solutions. You may even end up choosing the same character.

Figure out what might have happened to change that character's behavior.



Sheldon Sugarton was not happy that he was expected to write a longer than usual book report. He was rolling his eyes, rocking his desk chair back and forth, and making very nasty comments about the teacher. He was being disrespectful to the whole class, and everyone was getting frustrated. He said it was too difficult to write one that long!



Tea Anna turned to Sheldon and asked him nicely to stop talking rudely about the teacher. She admitted she didn't want to do the long report either, but reminded Sheldon to be respectful. She said, "Ms. Jones is the teacher, and we need to follow the directions she gives us." She then offered to read with Sheldon, if he thought that would help.