

See Both Sides

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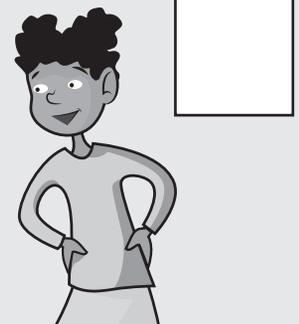
Have you ever heard the idea that “there are two sides to every story”? It means that every person sees things a little bit differently. Everyone’s point of view matters, including your own.

Mitra and Dylan are friends, but last Friday they were mad at each other. Mitra invited a bunch of their friends to go to the Ninja Gym on Saturday. Her parents own the gym. Dylan was mad that he wasn’t invited. He walked over to her on his crutches and said, “The Ninja Gym is lame. I didn’t want to go anyway!” Mitra got mad. Now they don’t play together at recess anymore, and they try not to talk to each other.

Read Mitra’s and Dylan’s sides to the story. Write an **X** in the white box if you agree with or understand the point of view, even if you only kind of agree.

Mitra’s side:

“I didn’t invite Dylan because I thought he would be bored at the gym. He broke his leg, and I knew he wouldn’t be able to jump on the trampolines and do the other activities that I wanted to do with my friends. I’m mad because he said mean things about the gym! It’s not lame.”



Dylan’s side:

“My feelings are hurt that Mitra didn’t invite me to the gym. I don’t really think the gym is lame, but I wanted to hurt Mitra’s feelings because she hurt my feelings first. Even though my leg is broken, I could have watched our friends play. I could have decided for myself if I wanted to go or not.”



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Write about a time that you had a point of view or belief different from someone else. Did it cause an argument? Did you talk to the other person and hear that person's point of view? Tell about what happened, and write details.

The chart shows statements that are **not great to say** and statements that are **okay to say** when you have a different opinion from another person. Finish the chart. Write your own statement under each section.

Not great to say



Okay to say



You don't know what you're talking about.

I want to know why you have that opinion. Please explain it to me.

My opinion is more important than yours.

We can figure this out if we hear each other out.
