

Greg is on a lunch break and is eating lunch with several of his friends. Greg sees a newer student sitting on the ground in the corner. The young adult has her hands in her face and is crying. Greg asks his friends if they know why she is sitting on the ground crying. They laugh and tell him, “Who cares; she is stuck-up and weird.

She rarely talks to others and is always dressed in black-goth clothing.” Greg is not sure how to feel because he doesn’t know her and thinks maybe she deserves being sad for being stuck-up and weird. Greg decides it is best to ignore her and spend his time enjoying the company of his friends.

1. Was empathy shown in this story?

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2. Do you think Greg did the right thing? Why or Why not?

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3. What would you have done to show Empathy?

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4. What could have Greg done to show empathy to the young lady?

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Jane is 18 years old and lives at home with her mother. She has a date scheduled for Friday night with someone she wanted to go out with for a long time. The date was scheduled one week ago, and she told her mother. However, on Thursday, Jane's mother asked her to please cancel the date. Her mother asked if Jane could go to the hospital to visit grandfather-Joe, instead of going out on the date.

Jane was angry at the request and got in an argument with her mother. Jane tells her mother that it is not fair, and she will visit grandfather-Joe next week. Her mother is very close to her father and has been struggling to deal with his illness. She tries to tell Jane how she feels and that grandfather-Joe would appreciate a visit this Friday. However, Jane refuses to listen to her mother and decides to go on the date instead.

1) Who was not being empathetic in the story? Explain why.

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2) How do you think Jane's mother was feeling?

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3) In effort to understand her mother's feelings, what should Jane have done?

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4) If you were Jane, what would you have done? Why?

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