

Defining Conflict

Write your current definition of conflict. Be prepared to share your definition with the class.

After watching the video of Mackenzie defining conflict, think about how each definition (your own, Mackenzie's, and the definition your teacher provided) is different.

1. Are Mackenzie and your teacher's definitions of conflict different from your own? If so, how do they differ?
2. How do opposing needs, ideas, beliefs, or goals create a potential conflict?
3. Can you have conflict without an argument? Explain your reasoning.
4. Now that you know a little more about conflict, how would you describe it to a friend?

Remember a time in the last few months when you were angry with a friend, sibling, or parent.

5. What was the conflict or disagreement about? Describe the situation.
6. What were each of the perspectives represented? In other words, what did each person want and why?
7. Did the conflict happen because of differing needs, ideas, beliefs, or goals? Explain.