

Unfriendly

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At recess, Emily ran over to the swings where Jamie and Stacey were playing. She didn't know Jamie or Stacey very well, but there was one swing left open, and Emily wanted it.

"Hi," Jamie said, as Emily sat down on the swing.

"Hi." Emily smiled.

"Want to see who can swing the highest?" Stacey asked.

"Okay," Emily said, thinking that sounded like fun.

The girls talked and laughed as they swung. Emily was excited to have made two new friends. But then she saw Melinda coming toward her with her arms crossed. She didn't look happy.

"What's wrong?" Emily asked her.

"Come talk to me by the jungle gym," Melinda said, walking away.



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Things to Discuss:

1. Is Melinda acting like a bully? Explain.
2. Melinda said, "Either you're friends with them or you're friends with me. So which is it?" How do you think this made Emily feel?
3. If you were Emily, what would you do in this situation?
4. What could Emily say to Melinda?

Teacher's Discussion Guide

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Read and discuss.

- 1 Is Melinda acting like a bully? Explain.



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