



Analyzing Sexting Scenarios



In this activity, you will think about scenarios that involve sexting.

Note: Content in this important activity was developed mainly for middle school students. Some people may consider it inappropriate or too intense for elementary school students. We recommend that elementary and middle school teachers who want to integrate this activity into their instruction exercise their judgment in determining the suitability of this content for the students in their classes. Teachers may scale down the scenarios as a means of adapting the activity to suitable contexts for younger students.

1. Print out copies of this Sexting Scenarios handout, and cut out the scenarios so you can pass them out to student teams.
2. Divide the class into small groups.
3. Give each group one of the scenarios, and prompt them to talk through the questions listed.
4. Ask students to present their ideas to the class and the reasons for their ideas. Allow a few minutes of class discussion for each scenario. Examine alternative ways of managing the scenario, and discuss positive and negative aspects of the suggested ideas.
5. Remember that this topic may be difficult for students to discuss, especially in a classroom setting. You can point out that although the topic may seem embarrassing, it is important to be able to discuss it openly and honestly. Sexting is a common activity among teenagers and pre-teenagers that must be addressed. Also, learning to discuss mature topics such as this one will help students if they are ever in situations where they need to report a problem to parents, teachers or police.

Sexting Scenario #1	Sexting Scenario #2
<p>Ally's boyfriend texted a semi-nude image of himself to Ally, and he has begun pressuring her to send him photos of herself. Ally has told him that she doesn't want to, but he continues to pressure her. Ally doesn't want to tell anyone because she doesn't want to get her boyfriend into trouble.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If you were in Ally's position, what would you do?2. What would be the safest way to help Ally out of this situation?3. List the positive and negative consequences that can happen if Ally gives in to this peer pressure and sends photos to her boyfriend.	<p>Explicit photos of Christina's best friend, Taylor, are being sent around via text message by students. One of the kids in Christina's class sent her a link to the images. Taylor is unaware that the photos are being shared around. Christina is unsure what to do now that she has the images on her phone.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Should Christina go straight to an adult, or tell Taylor, or do nothing about it? Explain.2. What could happen to Taylor's future if the images of her were posted on a social media site?3. Is there a place that Taylor could look for support for the problems that the images may cause her? Where?