WHAT TO DO

Your teacher doesn’t want any student to bother others. You were bothering others today. This was wrong.

Read this lesson. Answer the questions. This lesson will tell you why it’s wrong to bother others. It will help you learn why some people disturb others. It will teach you how to avoid bothering others again.

WHY IT IS WRONG TO BOTHER OTHERS

Do you know what a pest is? Have you ever tried to read a book while a fly buzzes around your head? Have you ever tried to fix something with a dog pulling at your sleeve? Have you ever tried to concentrate on your homework assignment with people walking back and forth through your room? Have you ever tried to watch a favorite TV program when someone surprised you with a squirt gun? Have you ever been talking to someone and have someone else come up and interrupt your conversation?

Some people tend to be rude. They never stop to see what someone else is doing before interrupting him or her. They think only about what’s on their minds. They never think twice about bothering others. Nobody has a right to bother others, especially when they are trying to learn.

CAUSES OF BOTHERING OTHERS

People bother others for many reasons. Some don’t think before they act or talk. Others just don’t care. Some people seem to enjoy bothering others. It gives them a sense of power. Whatever the reason, bothering others is rude and obnoxious behavior.

Now you will read a story about someone who bothered others. As you read his story, think about how this kind of behavior could have been avoided.
RUDE RANDY

Randy never thought before he spoke. He didn’t think before he acted, either. If Randy saw someone he wanted to talk to, it didn’t matter if that person was talking to someone else. He would just barge in and start talking, as if the other person wasn’t there. And if they did not listen to him, he would scream at them.

Randy also bothered people when they didn’t want to be bothered. If he saw a friend in the library and he wanted to tell her about the fight his older sister had with her boyfriend, he would sit in the seat next to her and start talking. It didn’t matter if the other person was trying to finish an assignment before class started.

It got to be a problem. Students could be in the middle of drawing a picture or reading a book or tying a shoe or just trying to find a quiet place where they could do their work, and Randy would be a pest and start talking. They called him “The Killer Bee.” He was always buzzing around, bothering everybody. Now everybody avoids Randy.

HOW TO PREVENT BOTHERING OTHERS

Here are a few tips that will help you not to bother others:

• Before you interrupt people talking, wait a moment to see if you are welcome.

• When someone is reading or working on something, don’t just interrupt him or her. Ask if this is good time to talk.

• Don’t ever be a pest on purpose! Nobody likes somebody buzzing around, bothering him or her.

• Remember: if you don’t respect the privacy of others, they may not respect your privacy. If you are rude, expect others to be rude to you.
VOLUME 2

BOTHERING OTHERS

MY GOAL

Think of a goal that will remind you not to bother others. Here is a goal Randy wrote: “I will be more considerate of others by not bothering them.”

Now answer the questions on the next page. These questions will help you change your behavior for the better.
### STUDENT QUESTIONS

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**WHAT TO DO**

Think about what you did in class today. Answer the questions below.

1. **How did you bother others? What did you do?**

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2. **Why did you bother others? Write some of the reasons why people bother others.**

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STUDENT QUESTIONS

3. Why is it wrong to bother others? What can happen if you make a habit of bothering others?

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4. Randy is a rude pest. What advice would you give him if he was a friend of yours?

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5. Write one goal that will help you learn not to bother others.

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STUDENT PUZZLE

BOTHERING OTHERS

NAME

DATE

Across
2. This word means “tries to stay away from”
4. Some people tend to be _______
5. Some people don’t _______ before they act or talk
6. Randy would just _______ in and start talking, as if the other person wasn’t there
8. Another word for someone who bothers others

Down
1. Some people bother others because they just don’t _______
3. A word that means another person comes along and says something while you are talking
4. Other students called him “The Killer Bee”
6. Did you ever try to read a book while a fly _______ around your head?
7. Some people seem to have fun, or _______ it when they interrupt others