

# Choosing Appropriate Words to Say

## Suggested Role-Plays

- 1.** You and a friend are walking to your next class and talking about what you did over the weekend. Following the steps of the skill, have an appropriate conversation.
- 2.** In class, a student you do not know very well asks if you get your clothes from the local dump. You are not sure if he's being mean and rude, making a joke or just trying to strike up a conversation. Describe how you would respond to his remark.
- 3.** The principal's spouse recently passed away, and you want to express your sympathy the next time you see her at school. Describe what you would say to the principal.
- 4.** You see your favorite teacher at an outdoor musical concert. Greet him and start a conversation about the show.

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## Think Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List some times or situations where it is helpful to know how to choose the right words:

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Why is it helpful to think about what you want to say before you start talking?

What words are appropriate to say to a friend whose pet is missing?

What words are appropriate to say to a classmate who has a serious illness?

Where or in what situations is it appropriate to use slang words? Where or in what situations is the use of slang disrespectful?

How can the skill of **Choosing Appropriate Words to Say** help you at school?

How can the skill of **Choosing Appropriate Words to Say** help you outside of school?

# **Choosing Appropriate Words to Say**

- 1. Look at the situation and the people around you.**
- 2. Know the meanings of words you are about to say.**
- 3. Refrain from using words that will offend people around you or that they will not understand.**
- 4. Avoid using slang, profanity or words that could have a sexual meaning.**
- 5. Decide what thoughts you want to put into words and then say the words.**