Role Play #1

You are Kate. You are playing on the yard with two friends: Johnny and Sujin. You are about to start a game when BJ and Daryl come over and ask Johnny to play ball with them. You tell them that Johnny is already playing with you and Sujin. Johnny looks at you and then says, “Sorry, I’d rather play with them” and runs off. You are so mad. You tell Sujin, “Fine, if that’s the way he is, we don’t need him. Let’s not play with him ever again.”

You are Sujin. You are playing on the yard with two friends: Johnny and Kate. You are about to start a game when BJ and Daryl come over and ask Johnny to play ball with them. You are sad because you don’t really like to play with Kate alone—she can get so bossy. Johnny looks at Kate and then says, “Sorry, I’d rather play with them” and runs off. Kate looks at you and says, “Fine, if that’s the way he is, we don’t need him. Let’s not play with him ever again.” You feel annoyed because there Kate goes again, telling you how to feel. You roll your eyes at Kate, who then gets angry with you.

You are Johnny. You are feeling left out because your good friends BJ and Daryl haven’t been playing with you much lately. You are relieved though, because Kate and Sujin are letting you join in their game on the yard. As you guys decide what you are going to play, BJ and Daryl come over and ask you if you want to play ball. You are so relieved because you thought they were mad at you. You immediately agree and run over to play with them.

Role Play #2

You are Rick. You are walking down the hallway after a horrible conversation with a teacher. The teacher told you that you are falling way behind in class and that she is going to have to call your parents for a meeting. You know your parents are going to be angry with you and take away your TV time. You think the teacher is being unfair, and you feel angry with her. Just thinking about it, you roll your eyes and make a face. As you are walking you are grumbling to yourself and bump into a friend, Jarell who is walking in the other direction. You get in his face and say, “Hey! What’s your problem?”

You are Jarell. You are walking down the hall and see your friend Rick. You wave at him, and he just rolls his eyes and makes a face at you. You feel angry. You thought Rick was supposed to be your friend, and here he is making faces at you. You think to yourself, “Maybe there’s a reason for this.” You walk towards him to talk to him, but he shoves you backwards, and you fall down. You get in his face and say, “Hey! What’s your problem!”