

Why respect matters

Respect is about caring how your actions impact others. It helps us treat people the way we would like to be treated—with fairness, courtesy, and kindness.

For each example, write about how the action impacts others. Check the box to show if it is respectful or disrespectful.

Action:

How might this impact others?

A classmate keeps talking while the teacher is teaching a lesson.

Respectful Disrespectful

The teacher will be upset that the student is distracting others and being rude. It's not fair to the other students who may not be able to hear and learn the lesson. It's not kind or courteous to the teacher to talk when they are teaching.

A classmate falls on the playground and you ask if they need help.

Respectful Disrespectful

The child who falls will feel good that someone treated them with kindness and helped them.

A classmate pushes to get to the front of the line and takes all the colored pencils.

Respectful Disrespectful

It's not fair to cut in line. Pushing is not kind or courteous and someone could get hurt. Taking all the colored pencils and not leaving any for others is not fair or courteous.

A friend shares a new toy with you and you are careful with it.

Respectful Disrespectful

The friend will be glad you cared about keeping their things in good condition. Treating things with care is a way of being courteous and kind.

During lunch, someone spills juice on the table and then leaves the mess.

Respectful Disrespectful

The next people to use the table will be stuck cleaning up someone else's mess. That's not fair or courteous.