

# MY TURN

## IS THIS A SAFE SITUATION?

**Directions:** Read each situation with your partner and decide if there is a balance of power. Choose the scale that shows balanced or unbalanced. Decide if the situation is safe or unsafe and explain.

1. You have shared some safe personal information about your dad's job with your best friend. You really like being her friend, but she is very bossy. She tells you where to sit at lunch each day and who you can sit with. When you tell her that you would like to sit with some new friends, she gets mad at you and says she will tell everyone about the personal information you shared with her if you don't do what she says.

**BALANCE OF POWER**



**IMBALANCE OF POWER**

Is this a safe situation or an unsafe situation? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you know?

2. You babysit for your neighbor every Friday night. You really like the kids and their mom is really nice to you. You don't know the mom's boyfriend very well and he makes you feel kind of uncomfortable. One night you accidentally see some magazines he's left out that upset you. You decide you don't want to babysit anymore. When your neighbor and her boyfriend get home, you tell your neighbor you won't be babysitting again, but you don't tell her why. Her boyfriend follows when you leave. He tells you that some money he left in the house is missing and accuses you of stealing it. You did not steal any money. He tells you that if you don't keep babysitting, he will tell your mother that you stole money from him.

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3. When you get on the bus each day to come to school, the bus driver asks you to sit with the younger kids. He says he needs for you to make sure they are sitting in their seats, talking quietly, and keeping their hands to themselves. You are happy to help the driver and you sit with the younger kids for many days. You enjoy sitting with the younger kids, but you miss being with your friends on the bus. You tell the bus driver that you miss being with your friends and would like to sit with them again. He thanks you for helping with the younger kids and asks if you would be willing to sit with the younger kids on Fridays. He tells you that you be a big help because they are so noisy on Fridays. You tell him that you would be willing to do that, and he says he is grateful for your help.

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4. Your brother is always making you feel bad. He calls you names, makes fun of you, and makes you do his chores. When your mom gets home from work, she is happy that all of the chores are done and she thanks you and your brother for helping out at home. When your mom leaves the room, your brother laughs and tells you that you will always have to do his chores. He tells you that it will upset your mom if you tell on him. You don't want to upset your mom.

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