

Let's Stop Sexual Stereotyping!

Directions: Read situations 1–5. Write what you could say or do to challenge the sexual stereotype. Then write a response for situation 6.

- ① **You overheard someone say, “Why does that guy dress so weird? That looks like something a girl would wear!”**

What could you say or do?

- ② **Your older brother told you, “When girls dress sexy, it means they want to have sex.”**

What could you say or do?

- ③ **You heard classmates talking about a friend of yours. They said, “He’s so gay, you can tell by the way he walks.”**

What could you say or do?

- ④ **Your older sister wouldn’t try out for the softball team. She said, “All female athletes are lesbians.”**

What could you say or do?

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- ⑤ You overheard a friend say, "If you're in eighth grade and you're not sexually attracted to someone, there must be something wrong with you."

What could you say or do?

- ⑥ A friend of yours said, "I don't see what the big deal is about sexual stereotyping. How can it hurt people?"

Define sexual stereotyping. Explain how it can negatively affect people. Then tell your friend why it's important to challenge sexual stereotypes. Be sure to support your argument with things you learned today.

Self-Check

- ☐ I clearly and correctly described responses that would challenge stereotyping in all 6 situations.
- ☐ I explained how sexual stereotyping can negatively affect people.
- ☐ I explained why it's important to challenge sexual stereotypes.