

# Friendship Problems Scenario

Please read the following scenario and answer the questions.

You could discuss the scenario as a group or you could think about the questions on your own. Consider how **you** might feel if you were in the same situation.

This activity will also help you to think about how **other people** might feel.

Tim is nine years old. He attended Berklane School for two years before his mum and dad decided to move house to be nearer to their new jobs.

When Tim arrived at Waterlane School for his first day, he was terrified of starting his new school. He didn't know anyone and he was worried that he wouldn't fit in.

Tim's teacher decided to ask someone in his class to act as a mentor or a 'buddy' to help Tim in his first few days.

Tim met his new buddy, George.

George didn't want to be Tim's buddy. He thought that Tim was a bit weird. He didn't like the way he dressed, he didn't like his hairstyle and he didn't like his shoes. He thought that Tim was a 'geek'.

Tim knew what George thought about him and he could tell from his attitude that George didn't like him. Tim didn't want to approach George for help so he decided to manage without George's help.

The teacher asked Tim if George was being a good buddy. Tim said that he was because he didn't want to get George into trouble.

George knew that Tim had lied for him and thought that he could use this to his advantage. He started to get Tim to do different things for him.

Every time Tim decided to try and stand up for himself, George said he would make up stories about him and tell the others in the class. Tim didn't want to risk this so he continued doing what George told him to do.

Tim was unhappy. What could he do?

