Lesson Plan 8-24-2020

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Target: Understanding that you can misunderstand the intent of others

Story 1: Garret

Garret was working in the Wildcat coffee shop. Usually he liked working there, but today he felt unsure. He and Janice, the other student who worked there, had had a fight the day before. Garret had misunderstood a customer's order. When he brought the wrong coffee, Janice had said, "This was not the order. You're going to have to do it again." Her words had sounded harsh to Garret's ears. He wasn't sure that he and Janice could still be friends. Janice had hurt his feelings.

If you had to tell Garret a word to describe how he's feeling, what word would you use?

Garret is describing the incident as a fight. Does it sound like a fight to you? Why or why not?

When he got to the coffee shop, Janice was already there. Janice said, "Hello Garret. How are you?"

Garret didn't know what to think. He was confused. Janice was acting as if nothing had even happened. He yelled, "You're not supposed to be talking to me."

Everyone in the coffeeshop got very quiet. Ms. Betty said, "Garret, would you like to come talk to me privately?"

Why do you think Garret yelled the way he did?

How do you think Janice felt when Garret yelled at her?

When is yelling expected in a work place or at school?

Why do you think it got quiet in the coffee shop?

Why do you think Ms. Betty wanted to speak privately?

Story 2: Janice

Janice didn't really like the coffee shop all that much. She couldn't wait until this work rotation was over and she could go do horticulture, which she really liked and was looking forward to. At least she got to work with Garret who was a pretty nice guy, even if he did sometimes mess up the coffee orders.

When Garret came in, Janice said, "Hello Garret, how are you?"

Unexpectedly, Garret yelled, "You're not supposed to be talking to me!"

It got very quiet in the coffee shop. Janice's face felt hot. She had a lot of different feelings at once, sadness and anger. Before she could say anything to Garret, Ms. Betty said, "Garret would you like to talk to me privately?"

When Ms. Betty asked her if she was okay, Janice just nodded her head. 'Now I really hate this work rotation," she thought. Did Janice know she and Garret were in a fight? How do you know?

Why do you think Janice thought that now she really hates the Wildcat Coffee work rotation?

Is it going to be easy to go back to things as usual at Wildcat Coffee or is it going to take some talking to each other and work?

What would have happened if Garret had just said hello back to Janice, even if he felt unsure about their friendship.

What do you think will happen next?