

Conflict

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

Conflict is the problem a character faces in a story. Types of conflict include:

Person vs. Person: problem with another character

Person vs. Nature: problem with nature (weather, animals or health)

Person vs. Self: problem within themselves

Person vs. Society: problem with a group or community

Read each story summary and decide what type of conflict the character is facing.

Passage #1:

Oliver worked selling newspapers in a big city. Every morning, he stood at his corner and asked people to buy his papers. One morning when Oliver arrived at work, another boy had taken over his usual corner. The boy ignored Oliver when Oliver asked him to move. The two boys started having arguments every morning. Before too long, they were pushing and shouting. Oliver knew he had to figure out a way to stand up for himself and his corner without fighting.



Circle the type of conflict in this story:

Person vs. Person

Person vs. Self

Person vs. Nature

Person vs. Society

Use details from the story to explain your answer:

Passage #2:

The year is 2100 and nine-year-old Leo lives on a space station that travels around Earth. Leo has read a lot about the problems that can occur in outer space, and he often feels scared. He worries that if something goes wrong, he will be too young to be of any help. Over the course of the story, Leo learns to overcome his fear and trust his ability to help in different situations.



Circle the type of conflict in this story:

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Person vs. Society

Use details from the story to explain your answer:

Passage #3:

A very long time ago, a little girl named Ayana lived in a tiny village. The village was right next to a river that tended to overflow after heavy rain. When this happened, the water would wash away paths and make it nearly impossible for families to travel anywhere. During a particularly bad storm, Ayana helped her family gather supplies from the forest on the other side of their village while they waited for the river to calm.



Circle the type of conflict in this story:

Person vs. Person

Person vs. Self

Person vs. Nature

Person vs. Society

Use details from the story to explain your answer:

Passage #4:

On the first day of fifth grade at his new school, Jordan meets a classmate who makes fun of his accent. Jordan tries to ignore it but this classmate doesn't stop! Jordan can't change the way he speaks, but he feels angry and embarrassed. He wishes his classmate would just be nice to him. Jordan has to decide how to respond to this unfriendly behavior.



Circle the type of conflict in this story:

Person vs. Person

Person vs. Self

Person vs. Nature

Person vs. Society

Use details from the story to explain your answer:

Passage #5:

Rosie wants to sit with a certain group of girls at lunchtime. These girls always wear purple sweatshirts and seem very popular. At their school, the group has created an unspoken rule that only certain students are allowed to sit at their table. Rosie tries to join them, but they tell her she is not allowed to sit there. Rosie feels upset and left out, but the group continues to exclude her. She has to decide how to respond to being treated unfairly by the group.



Circle the type of conflict in this story:

Person vs. Person

Person vs. Self

Person vs. Nature

Person vs. Society

Use details from the story to explain your answer:

Answers

Passage #1:

Person vs. Person

Accept answers along the lines of:

Oliver has a problem with another boy who takes his corner and argues with him.

Passage #2:

Person vs. Self

Accept answers along the lines of:

Leo feels scared and has to learn to trust himself and be brave.

Passage #3:

Person vs. Nature

Accept answers along the lines of:

Ayana and her family are dealing with a river that floods during a storm.

Passage #4:

Person vs. Person

Accept answers along the lines of:

Jordan has a problem with a classmate who makes fun of him.

Passage #5:

Person vs. Society

Accept answers along the lines of:

Rosie is being excluded by a group of girls who won't let her sit with them.