

# Block Those Rumors!

A rumor block is a statement you make to a person who tells you a rumor.

Sample Rumor Blocks:

**“That sounds like a rumor to me.”**

**“You don’t have proof of that.”**

**“You don’t know if that’s true.”**

“That sounds like something you should talk about with the person involved.”

# Rumor Blocks

Directions: Each situation contains a rumor. Think about how you would block each rumor. Then write your rumor block in the space provided.

1. A classmate says, "Nicki is so dumb. Dana told me that Nicki cheated on the math test."

Rumor block: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Jody said to call John "Stinky" because he smells funny and never takes a shower.

Rumor block: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. A classmate says, "Peter is always going to that special reading class. There must be something wrong with him, so we shouldn't let him play basketball with us anymore."

Rumor block: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Diane tells you not to let Misaki, a new girl from Japan, sit at your lunch table. Diane says, "Misaki has lice and you'll catch them if you sit by her."

Rumor block: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. A classmate says, "Gina and Carter are boyfriend and girlfriend because they always play together at recess."

Rumor block: \_\_\_\_\_  
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A friend wants you to ignore another friend because she's mad at her. You don't have a problem with this other friend. You don't think it's fair to give the other girl the silent treatment.

You have a teammate who constantly puts down other team members when they make mistakes. You think this is bad for team morale.

Every time a particular kid in your math class walks past your desk, he "accidentally" knocks your pencil, paper, or book off your desk. You are annoyed by his "joking around" and you want him to stop.

As you're getting out your instruments in band class, your friends start teasing another kid who often acts kind of strange. He's not a friend of yours but you feel that even though you think he's a little strange, no one deserves to be treated that way.