



Trouble Talk ~ Problem Solving Practice

- Below you'll see four quotes from the story in blue.
- Read each quote and select at least one of the questions in that section to answer as thoughtfully and completely as you can.

“No offense, but...”

Do the words, “no offense” make what Bailey said to Keisha less insulting? Why or why not?

Was Bailey really doing Keisha a favor by telling her the truth on *Truth or Dare*? Why or why not?

“It’s okay, you can tell me. I’m good friends with Lizzy.”

Was it okay for Bailey to tell Brian that Lizzy liked him when Lizzy told her not to?

Has anyone ever shared your secrets with other kids? If yes, how did it make you feel?

Which takes longer - building trust or destroying it? Explain.

“ kids who hear hurtful things about their friends....(feel) pushed and pulled in a friendship tug-of-war.”

Were you ever the kids in the middle, watching one friend hurt another friend? If yes, how did it make you feel? Did you do anything about it?

What did Ms. Bloom suggest bystanders do to help targets of trouble talk, without risking their own safety? Do you have other suggestions?

“When you have an open heart, anything’s possible!”

Do you believe people are capable of changing for the better?

Do you think Bailey deserves a second chance if she is truly making an effort to change?

What would it take for Bailey to regain Maya’s trust and friendship?