

Upper Intermediate – Adapt to Changing Situations

A.

Situation:

A group of friends (Simon, Leila, and Jonah) have arranged to go to the cinema and then go for an ice cream. Simon has arranged it all. However, when they get to the cinema the film they had planned to see is not being shown and another film is being shown in its place.

Reactions:

- Leila gets very annoyed and says she only wanted to see that particular film. She decides to go home.
- Simon is a bit disappointed. He really wanted to see the film and quickly looks it up on his phone to see if they are showing the film somewhere else.
- Jonah doesn't say anything. He doesn't really mind; it's nice to be out with friends anyway. He reads a short review about the alternative film on his phone and thinks it looks quite good. He suggests they go and see that one instead and carry on their evening as planned.

What do you think they should do? What would YOU do?

B.

Situation:

A group of Boy Scouts* (Marilyn, Turner, and Sienna) are taking part in a map-reading exercise as a team. They have been given a map, and they need to stay on a special route. It's a very important part of their Scouts activities and will result in getting a new badge. They are not allowed to carry a phone, and they must finish together. Unfortunately, Sienna hurt her ankle very badly halfway through the course.

Reactions:

- Sienna is in pain and very worried that she isn't going to get her badge. She suggests carrying on, relying her friends to help her.
- Marilyn is disappointed and annoyed with Sienna. She was really hoping to succeed. However, her friend's health is more important, so she suggests starting a small fire and sending a smoke signal.
- Turner suggests that they move Sienna to a nearby stream so that she can take her shoe off and help the pain by putting her ankle in cold water. He suggests that she and Marilyn make a fire so that they stay warm while he carries on to the end and gets help.

What do you think they should do? What would YOU do?

C.

Situation:

Bronwyn, Heath, and Polly are on a train on their way to a theme park. They want to buy a hot chocolate from the buffet car of the train, but when Heath looks for his wallet, he can't find it anywhere. He was sure he had it at the station because he bought his train ticket. He realises he must have lost it, together with his entrance ticket to the theme park.

Reactions:

- Heath is really embarrassed and annoyed with himself. He should just go home and suggests his friends go on without him.
- Polly is disappointed that Heath can't come with them and suggests they do something else instead. She suggests going to a big park with an adventure playground area which has free entrance. If they did that, Heath would be able to stay with them and she could share her lunch with him.
- Bronwyn asks Polly how much money she has got. She says that if they pool all their money together they can probably keep to their original plan and lend Heath the money for another ticket and maybe still have some left over for a snack at the theme park.

What do you think they should do? What would YOU do?

Reflection Point

In general people don't like change. However, changes happen constantly and the more we learn to adapt to those changes, the more creative and flexible we become.

Cut out cards