

## Upper Intermediate – Take Responsibility For Your Actions

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C. There is a boy in your class called Sam. He hates maths because he isn't very good at it. Every maths lesson he misbehaves so that he gets sent out of the class. He then stands outside the classroom window, messing around and trying to distract the students. The class starts 15 minutes late every lesson. Sam has not attended a whole maths lesson since the beginning of term.

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### Reflection Point

Our behaviour sometimes has negative consequences for other people. If we can understand those consequences and stop blaming other people for our actions, we can make life better for them and for us.

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