

A Note to Teachers

Learning to consider a situation from a different perspective is often a difficult task for young children. It requires them to put themselves in the other person's position and imagine what they would feel like and think in a similar situation. Often kids see their point of view, which is the root cause of most schoolyard conflicts.

Reading stories to kids that bring up such problems and understanding others' perspectives can be a great tool to develop their understanding.

This story helps children to review and reflect on a conflicting situation. Teachers can read this story in the classroom to help students navigate such situations better.

Here are a few suggestions for educators to use this book in their classroom:

Mindful Talking

Bring students' attention to the first page when Rohan yells at Aidan. Discuss how we can come across as really harsh to other people when we are upset and angry. Why is the choice of words important? What made Aidan sad? What made Rohan angry? Discuss what different strategies Rohan could have used before he became upset with Aidan.

Calming Strategies

What did the teacher suggest for calming Rohan and Aidan? What are some of the strategies that you find helpful to manage yourself in such situations? Allow students to make connections and share their reflections.

Three Dimensions of a Story

Why do you think Rohan and Aidan have a different story? Are they getting each other's point of view? What is the third dimension of the story? Do we always have another side? Do we always have three sides to a story?