

## EDUCATOR RESOURCE—NEGOTIATION (SCENARIO A)

A) You want to go to your friend’s party but your parents are worried that kids will get out of hand.

What is it you want?

- To go to the party

What is it they want?

- For you not to go to the party

If you get what you want, what needs are fulfilled? Why do you want what you want?

- Fun
- Belonging
- Friendship
- Independence

If they get what they want, what needs are fulfilled? Why do they want what they want?

- Physical safety
- Security
- Responsibility (as a parent)

Complete this sentence:

I would like to go to the party because friendship, fun, independence, and a feeling of belonging are important to me.

Complete this sentence:

You are saying that you want me not to go to the party because my safety and security, and being a responsible parent are important to you. Is that right?

List as many solutions as you can. Be creative. Don’t judge whether something is good or bad just yet.

- Not going to the party
- Going to the party
- Going to the party without permission
- Going with parents to the party
- Calling parents every hour from the party
- Going with a trusted friend to a party
- Leaving the party very early
- Having a party at home instead
- Letting parents talk with the host’s parents before the party

Circle or check mark the solutions that satisfy at least SOME of each of your needs.

Can you combine or tweak one or more of these solutions so that it satisfies even more of both people’s needs?

- Arranging for the host’s parents to talk with your parents ahead of time
- Ensuring that adults will be present during the party
- Calling parents mid-way through the party
- Leaving by curfew time



### QUICK TIP

Reference the list of “Needs” brainstormed on the board.