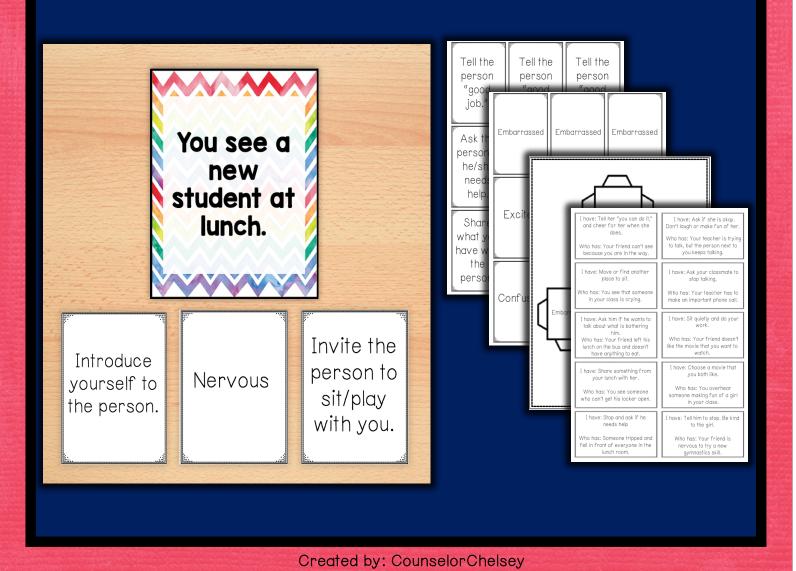
EMPATHY Games

Includes 3 Games



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Hello! I am a licensed social worker with experience as a school based counselor, working in a mentorship program for teens, and am now a curriculum developer. My favorite part of my work has always been developing high quality resources for students to use. Since becoming a curriculum developer, I have loved being able to impact thousands of classrooms around the world!

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Objectives:

- Students will learn to recognize the feelings of others.
- Students will respond appropriately to the needs and feelings of others.

What's Included:

P. 4-6: Empathy Dice Game
P. 7-9 "Responding To Others" I Have, Who Has
p. 10-26: Empathy Card Game

Ideas For Use:

These games can be used for a variety of purposes:

- Social skills lessons or groups
- Friendship lessons or groups
- Bullying prevention lessons or groups
- With students who could benefit from understanding the feelings of others.
 - With students who could benefit from learning to respond appropriately to others.

These games can be used in your individual, small group or classroom counseling lessons.

Empathy Dice Game

Objectives:

•Students will practice responding to the feelings of others.

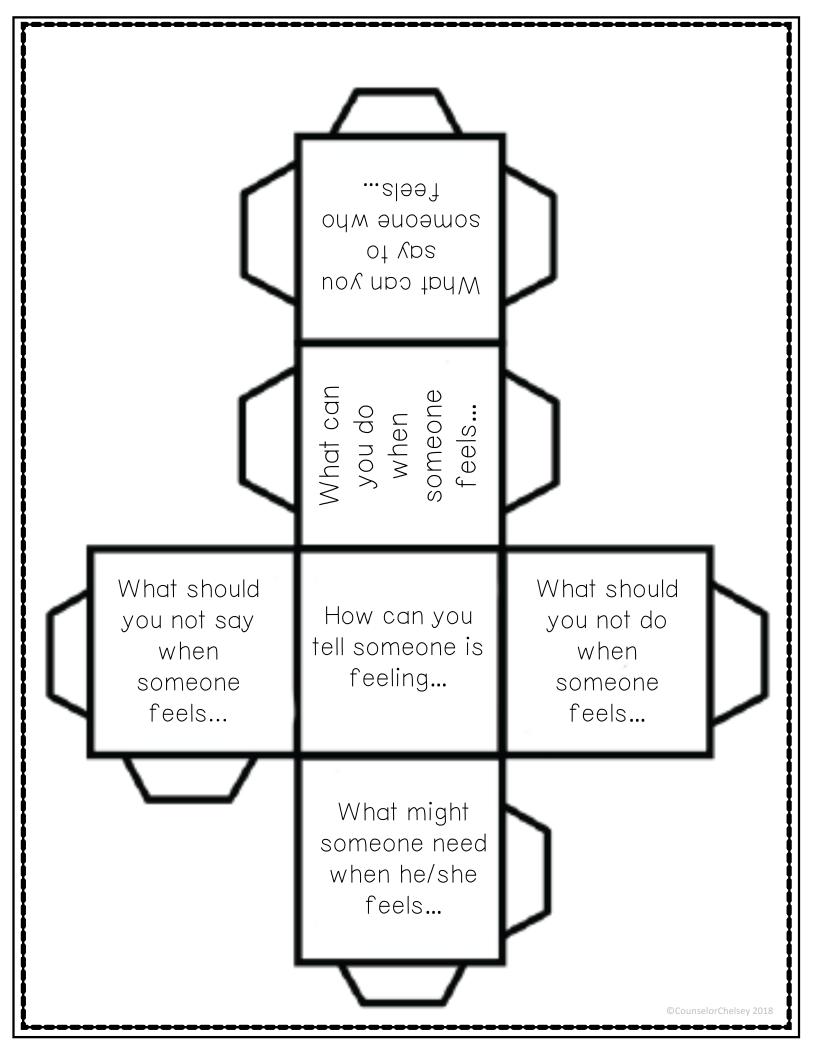
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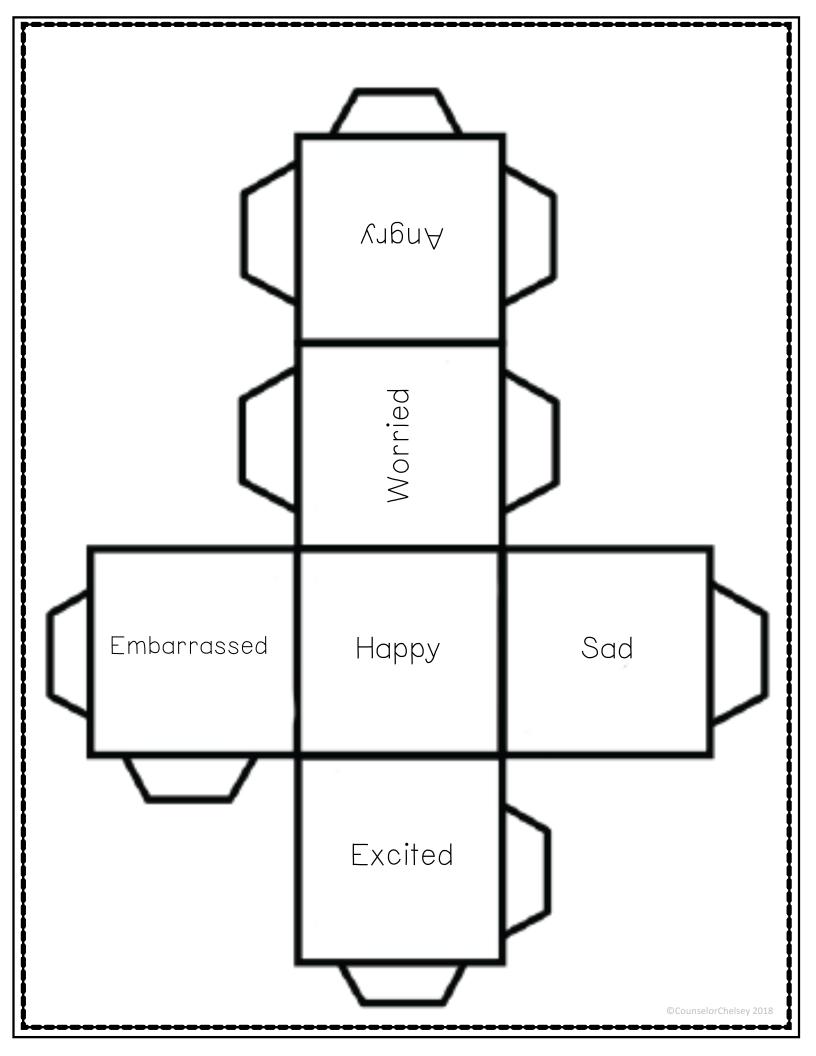
Dice from pages 5 & 6
Glue/Tape
Scissors

Directions:

<u>Prep</u>: Cut out the outline of the dice from pages 5 and 6. Fold the dice, and glue or tape the flaps to create a cube. The square closest to the bottom is the bottom of the die, the one above that is the front, the one above that is the top and the one above that is the back. The squares on the sides are the sides of the dice.

<u>Activity</u>: Players will roll each die. The player must answer the prompt that is facing up. Die one has a discussion prompt, and die two will have the feeling that the player must discuss EX: If a player rolls "What can you say to someone who feels..." on die one, and then "excited" on die two, he/she must say something that can be said to someone who feels excited.





Responding To Others "I Have Who Has"

Objectives:

•Students will learn to identify appropriate responses to the feelings and situations of others.

Materials:

Cards from pages 8 and 9.

Directions:

Prep: Cut out the cards on pages 8 and 9. Each page has a set of 10 "I Have, Who Has" cards. There are two pages, which can be used as two sets of 10, or as one set of 20.

Activity: For each game, players will each be given one card. On each card, students have a response that corresponds to a situation on someone else's card. Players will need to look at other players' cards to find the response that corresponds to the scenario on their card. Players will be looking for the response that corresponds to the situation they have, while providing the response that corresponds to someone else's situation.

This game can be used in individual sessions by cutting out the clue cards, and mixing them up. Students will then need to figure out the clues and line the cards back up into their original order.

I have: Tell her "great job!"

Who has: One of your classmates is on crutches.

I have: Help him carry his books

Who has: Your friend is upset that his summer vacation got cancelled.

I have: Invite your friend to spend time with you over the summer.

Who has: There is a new student sitting by himself at lunch.

I have: Ask her to sit with you.

Who has: Your friend is getting frustrated with her science homework.

I have: Offer to help her.

Who has: Your friend hurt her foot and can't play soccer with everyone at recess.

I have: Choose something else that you both can do.

Who has: Your friend is nervous about his audition for the school play.

I have: Offer to help him practice his lines.

Who has: Your classmate's grandmother died.

I have: Make a card for him and his family.

Who has: Your teacher was absent because she was sick.

I have: Make a "get well soon" card for her.

Who has: Your classmate can't find a pencil.

I have: Let her borrow your pencil.

Who has: Your friend got an "A" on her test.

I have: Tell her "you can do it," and cheer for her when she does.

Who has: Your friend can't see because you are in the way.

I have: Move or find another place to sit.

Who has: You see that someone in your class is crying.

I have: Ask him if he wants to talk about what is bothering him.

Who has: Your friend left his lunch on the bus and doesn't have anything to eat.

I have: Share something from your lunch with him.

Who has: You see someone who can't get his locker open.

I have: Stop and ask if he needs help.

Who has: Someone tripped and fell in front of everyone in the lunch room.

I have: Ask if she is okay. Don't laugh or make fun of her.

Who has: Your teacher is trying to talk, but the person next to you keeps talking.

I have: Ask your classmate to stop talking.

Who has: Your teacher has to make an important phone call.

I have: Sit quietly and do your work.

Who has: Your friend doesn't like the movie that you want to watch.

I have: Choose a movie that you both like.

Who has: You overhear someone making fun of a girl in your class.

I have: Tell him to stop. Be kind to the girl.

Who has: Your friend is nervous to try a new gymnastics skill.

Empathy Card Game

Directions:

Cut out all of the cards. Laminate if desired. Create two piles — one for "Scenario Cards" and one for "Feelings and Responses" cards. To begin, each player receives 7 "Feelings and Responses" cards (or 5 if there are 4+ players). In the middle, flip a scenario card face up.

Students will then look at the cards in their hands and determine if any of the cards in their hands are appropriate ways to respond to the scenario, or describe how the person in the scenario is feeling. The students will then lay down as many cards as they can that apply to the given scenario.

Once all cards have been laid down, students will look at all of the cards that have been played. If someone sees a card that was played that he/she thinks does not apply to the scenario, the other players will take a vote to decide whether or not the card should be accepted. If there is a tie vote, the card will not be counted.

When all of the played cards are deemed acceptable, the person who laid down the most responses gets to keep the scenario card. If there is a tie, one of the following actions can be taken: 1) A vote can be cast regarding which player's cards are most relevant. 2) No one receives a card.

After each round, the students will draw more feelings/responses cards to ensure that they have 7 (or 5) cards in their hands. The game will end when you run out of feelings/response cards, scenario cards, or time. The player with the most scenario cards wins.

*The same player may not play 2 of the same cards in the same round.

You see a new student at lunch.

Someone in your class is by himself at recess.

Allie just found out she made the swim team.

Clay won his football game.

You see
your
friend
looking for
a marker.

Your friend keeps dropping his things because his hands are full.

You see someone who can't get her coat zipper unstuck.

You see
your
classmate
crying in
the
classroom.

You see someone trip and fall in the hallway.

Trevor just learned a new trick on his bike.

Madelyn didn't make the track team.

Josie is annoyed because you're talking too much.

Keyon is mad and doesn't want to talk about it.

Your friend's grandmother died.

Mia didn't make the school choir.

Your friend is afraid of thunderstorms and there is a big storm coming.

Gia can't play soccer because she is on crutches.

Your friend is playing in the championship soccer game.

Your friend's parents are going through a divorce.

Your brother can't find his cell phone.

Lonely	Lonely	Lonely
Nervous	Nervous	Nervous
Нарру	Нарру	Нарру

Frustrated	Frustrated	Frustrated
Sad	Sad	Sad
Mad	Mad	Mad

Embarrassed	Embarrassed	Embarrassed
Excited	Excited	Excited
Confused	Confused	Confused

Disappointed Disappointed Disappointed Choose Choose Choose your own your own your own feeling. feeling. feeling.

Tell the person "good job."

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Tell the person "good job."

Ask the person if he/she needs help.

Ask the person if he/she needs help.

Ask the person if he/she needs help.

Share
what you
have with
the
person.

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person.

Ask if the person is okay.

Ask if the person is okay.

Ask if the person is okay.

Invite the person to sit/play with you.

Invite the person to sit/play with you.

Invite the person to sit/play with you.

Stop doing what you are doing. Stop doing what you are doing.

Stop doing what you are doing. Let the person have some space.

Let the person have some space.

Let the person have some space.

Make a card or write a kind note.

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Make a card or write a kind note.

Choose something you both want to do. Choose something you both want to do. Choose something you both want to do.

Be kind and don't make fun of the person.

Be kind and don't make fun of the person.

Be kind and don't make fun of the person.

Tell the person something encouraging.

Tell the person something encouraging.

Tell the person something encouraging.

Ask if the person wants to talk about it.

Ask if the person wants to talk about it.

Ask if the person wants to talk about it.

Go get an adult to help.

Go get an adult to help.

Go get an adult to help.

Help the person fix it or look for it.

Help the person fix it or look for it.

Help the person fix it or look for it.

Ask the person to show it to you.

Ask the person to show it to you.

Ask the person to show it to you.

Start a conversation with the person.

Start a conversation with the person.

Start a conversation with the person.

Tell the person "It's going to be okay!" Tell the person "It's going to be okay!"

Tell the person "It's going to be okay!"

Help the person find something else to do.

Help the person find something else to do.

Help the person find something else to do.

Introduce yourself to the person.

Introduce yourself to the person.

Introduce yourself to the person.

Create your own response. Create your own response. Create your own response.