

Identify each situation as demonstrating TOLERANCE or INTOLERANCE:

T

anya and her mother were walking through the park when they heard a man speaking loudly to a group gathered near the picnic shelter. They walked closer to see what was going on. The man's long hair was braided and he was wearing a white robe. He was preaching to the crowd about what he believed in and why he wanted everyone to know. He asked some other men to pass out brochures telling how to get in touch with him to find out more. When one of the men approached Tanya's mother, she politely said, "No thank you. I am comfortable with my own beliefs and, while they may be different from yours, I respect your right to share your information with others who may be interested."

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Did Tanya's mom demonstrate tolerance or intolerance?



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izabeth and Laura were whispering to each other in the school cafeteria. They were discussing how weird some of the other girls in their English class were acting. "Those girls don't even try to look nice. None of them wear makeup and their clothes are so old-fashioned. I don't think we should talk to them. Somebody might think we are friends with them or something!"

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Did Elizabeth and Laura demonstrate tolerance or intolerance?



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nnie and Althea were running laps around the track. "Coach Smith works us too hard. We both set records last year in our track events," Annie said. "Yea," said Althea, "he doesn't know what he's doing. All the rookies on the track team should run laps every afternoon – just like we had to do our first year. But all this running for us veterans is crazy." Annie added, "I don't know how he thinks it'll help for us to work so hard every day and be all tired before the meet. I wish Coach Jones was back. I just don't think this new guy is going to work out with our team."

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Did Annie and Althea demonstrate tolerance or intolerance?

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xamine your own attitudes. To those people in the situations above who demonstrated intolerance, what could you say to help them be more tolerant towards other people?