

# My Turn

## Problem-Solution Chart

**Directions:** Work in pairs to complete the charts below and on the back of this page.

Janie is new to school. Her mom works long hours at her job. Janie needs to help take care of her grandmother who has broken her leg, so she hasn't gotten to meet many of the other students in her neighborhood. She spends a lot of time playing games on the Internet and has made some friends who she only knows online. As her grandmother gets better, Janie has more free time to spend with friends. One of the friends she has made online wants to meet her. She really likes this friend because they understand how difficult things are for Janie and this makes Janie feel better. This friend has told her that there is a group of other friends who she would like and that they are forming a gaming group. Janie really would like to be part of this group, but she is told that she cannot tell her mother and that she cannot bring anyone with her when the group meets. Janie feels uncomfortable, but she is really lonely and trusts this new friend she has made online. **What is the solution? What Janie should do?**

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What are the effects?	
What are the causes?	
What is the solution?	

## My Turn: Problem-Solution Chart (Continued)

Sam has met a group of older kids who have lots of parties. He likes them and thinks they are cool. He really doesn't want to be around his old friends from school anymore because he thinks that they are not very fun. Sam has been telling his parents that he is going to study at the library, but he is really going to parties with his new friends. There are not any parents at the parties and there don't seem to be many rules. At first, this makes Sam feel "grown up". However, sometimes there are too many older kids he doesn't know at the parties and there are situations that make him feel uncomfortable. One night, Sam decides he wants to leave the party, but one of the older boys begins to pressure Sam to stay. He threatens to tell Sam's parents about the parties and that Sam has been dishonest with them if he leaves.

**What is the solution? What Sam should do?**

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