

# TELLING OR TATTLING?

We are **TELLING** when we need the help of a trusted adult because someone is in danger or can get hurt.

We are **TATTLING** when we tell a trusted adult about something that happened, but we can fix it on our own.

## IS THE SITUATION TELLING OR TATTLING?

- Is someone in danger or can get hurt?
- Do they need the help of a trusted adult?
- Is that something you can fix on your own?
- What are some ways you can solve this problem on your own?

**TELLING**

**TATTLING**



Cut out each example and help your child decide whether the situation is telling or tattling. Paste the example under the correct column.

Jimmy took Sally's pencil from her desk without asking her. Sally raises her hand and tells the teacher.

Tony showed Sam that he brought a knife to school and told him not to tell anyone. Sam still told the principal about it.

Callie and June are playing in the playground when a stranger offers them candy. The stranger tells them not to tell anybody. Both girls run away and tell the teacher.

Susie got a new watch for her birthday. Her sister, Jill, tells her it is ugly and she doesn't like it. Susie goes and tells her mom that Jill is being mean.

Mary and Lucas are playing at the babysitter's house. Lucas tells Mary to touch his private parts. Mary shouts, "No!" She runs away and tells the babysitter what happened.

Jamie and Macy are playing tic-tac-toe together. Larry walks up to them and asks, "Can I play, too?" Macy and Jamie say no. This upsets Larry so he goes and tells his dad.

Katie is eating her favorite snack. Julia takes a piece of her snack. Katie yells, "Hey, those are mine!" Julia eats the snack and Katie tells her mom about it.

Rob is playing with Kim. Rob tells Kim, "Let's play a game where we touch the private parts of our body." Kim says, "No!" and tells Rob's mom what happened. Rob's mom says, "You're okay. Go back to playing outside." Kim runs home and tells her grandma what happened.