



Judging Class

Character

Put Downs

This page is for the Leader

Supplies Needed:

Situation & Options card, 4-H judging cards, Judging Scale Chart, and pencils

Reasons:

- C** uses humor to lighten the situation, but doesn't put anyone down.
- B** shows respect for yourself and him, by trying to overlook the putdown and include him in something you are good at.
Disadvantage is that Jim may come back with another putdown.
- A** advantage is that she may make others laugh at Jim instead of her, but the disadvantage is that she may have made the situation worse by putting him down and treating him with disrespect.
- D** is last because physical violence is never an appropriate response.





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Situation:

Anna was very large for her age. She was also a talented singer, an “A” student, class representative on Student Council and a champion swimmer. Jim always teases her about her size. He calls her Moby Dick; throws paper wads at her and does this in front of everyone at school. At a school assembly, he yelled: “Clear the deck, here comes Moby.”

Rank Anna’s responses from most respectful to least, thinking about respect for both Jim and herself.

Options:

- A.** “Gee, Jim, I’m surprised you’ve even read a book to know who Moby Dick is—I’m impressed.”
- B.** “Gee, Jim, another Moby Dick joke”—(ignoring respectfully)
“Hey, you coming to my swim meet tonight?”
- C.** “Jim, I promise I won’t step on you like a bug, if you won’t tell anymore of your sorry old jokes!”
- D.** Punch him in the face and tell him not to call you Moby Dick anymore.

