

Module 8.7

Empathy for Students



TAKE IT DEEPER:

Times When Empathy is Valuable

Group Discussion: Divide students into small groups and ask them to discuss a scenario where empathy is helpful or crucial. Prompt them to share their thoughts about the importance of empathy in that situation.

If they are struggling to come up with their own scenarios, you can brainstorm together or provide some ideas:

- Two students are arguing over a misunderstanding during a group project.
- A student witnesses or experiences bullying.
- A classmate is struggling with their schoolwork.
- A new student, who moved from a different country, joins the class. A classmate lost a family member or pet.

After they share why empathy is important, invite some more conversation:

- What might make it challenging to show empathy in this situation?
- Have you ever been in this scenario—either the giver or receiver of empathy? How did you feel?
- What might help us feel and show more empathy in these situations?