

Comforting Someone in Need



Something has happened that upset Maggie. What do you think it is?

Write down what you think she is saying in the speech balloon.

How is Amy comforting Maggie using her body language?

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What do you think will happen next?

Looking More Closely



1. What does the setting tell you about what has happened? Whose room do you think this is?

2. How would you describe Maggie's posture? What else could this posture mean?

3. Why do you think people cover their eyes when they are upset? Are there other reasons people cover their eyes?

4. Maggie is touching her right elbow with her left hand. Why do you think she is doing this?

5. Amy's eyeglasses are on the top of her head, what does this indicate?

6. What is Amy looking at? What will Maggie see if she looks up?

7. It looks like Amy is sitting between Maggie's legs. What does this open posture indicate about Maggie? How many 'touch points' do you see?

Digging Deeper

What else can you see when you look at this picture of Maggie and Nancy? Are they close friends? What are their feelings towards each other? When you look a little closer you can learn much more about these girls and their feelings towards each other.

For example, look at their clothes. Both Maggie and Amy are wearing denim and they are also both pretty fashionable. Maggie has cut-off sleeves on her jacket and Amy is artfully wearing a colorful scarf. Both girls have long stylish hair. Friends tend to dress alike and often choose similar hairstyles.

What common "look" do you share with your friends?

You may also notice that the girls seem to be leaning into each other, almost at the same angle. When people are emotionally close, their body language tends to mirror each other. We call this synchronicity. When people feel close to each other it is almost as if they are dancing. See if you can notice this in a picture of your family or friends. Paste the picture below.



Touch is an important part of how we convey our feelings to each other. The social rules for touching in our culture change drastically when we are comforting someone. Sometimes it is even okay to hug or hold a complete stranger if you are comforting that person. Can you think of another rule about touching that is different when you comfort someone?
