

PROBLEM SOLVING SCENARIO

MESSY KID

PROBLEM SOLVER:

You live in a nice 3 bedroom ranch style home in a good neighborhood. There are 3 children in the family ages 9, 12, and 16. All of the children do really well in school.

In a few weeks another family is coming to visit for one week.

Sometimes, certain members of the family make a sandwich and leave the lid off the salad dressing, the bread unwrapped, crumbs all over the counter, the cheese out to dry, and the knife is still covered with mayonnaise laying on the table cloth. Wet towels are left crumpled on the bathroom floor and the tub is left with a dirty ring. The newspapers are left scattered all over the floor instead of being folded and put back on the coffee table. Clothes are not hung in the closet but add a 2 inch deep layer to the carpets near the bedroom closet. The list of irresponsible behaviors goes on and on. This certain person seems to expect someone else to pick up and clean up when they make a mess. Unfortunately, that has been done for this certain person in the past.

You see this behavior as very non caring. You want to make a really good impression on the family coming to visit. They have children about the same ages. One of them is a rather special friend to you. The last thing you want, is to be seen as "Low Class."

You have decided to approach this certain person and try to resolve this problem - bring "good manners" to the family domain.

You will note that the problem solving sequence does not state specifically which of the family members you are to play nor does it say which member of the family is the "Certain Person." The Problem Solver will decide who they will play and who the Situation Generator will play as the "Certain Person."

NOTES:

1. Although acting a part, use the real first name of the Situation Generator.
2. **Act** as though you are adult in the scenario. Don't act yourself as much as you act the way you believe the adult person, in the scenario, would react and respond.
3. Clearly establish what it is that you want to get agreement and commitment to before starting the problem solving sequence.

THIS IS THE END OF THIS PROBLEM SOLVING SCENARIO

