

Unit 1: Short Stories

Big Question Vocabulary—2



The Big Question: Is conflict necessary?

Sometimes the actions of others can annoy or upset us. Some people have trouble expressing their displeasure in a constructive way. It is worth practicing this skill—working out differences in a productive way leads to a better atmosphere for everyone.

antagonize: to act in a way that annoys others; to act in opposition

compete: to try to be better or more successful than someone else

cooperate: to work together toward a common goal

grievance: a belief that you have been treated unfairly; a complaint about an unfair situation

mediate: to try to resolve or settle a conflict

DIRECTIONS: Use the space below to write to someone who can help you resolve a complaint that you have. It can be real or imagined. Use all of the vocabulary words in your note.