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**What does it mean to be responsible for your actions?**

**Responsibility Scenarios: Defining Responsibility and Determining Criteria**

**I. Guided Practice - “I do”**

\* A two-year-old child is alone in a room while the mother is in the bathroom. The child sees a gun on a table and picks it up. The mother returns to the room, calls the child’s name, and the child shoots her.

**Is the child responsible for the shooting**? **Yes**\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_

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| **YES - Explanation:** | **NO - Explanation:** |

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| * For people to be fully responsible for their actions, they must… |
| **This applies to the shooting scenario because…** |

**II. Guided Practice - “We do”**

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| 1. During lunch period a girl is making her way through the lunch line when a classmate approaches to ask her if they can cut in front of her place in line. The girl replies no, reasoning that it isn’t fair to the people behind her. Annoyed, her classmate shoves her forcefully and takes her place in the line. The girl yells “a\*#@?^!” at the classmate. A teacher supervising approaches the girl and the classmate and hands the girl a detention slip.   * Is the girl **responsible** for what she yells at the classmate?   **Explain:** | **Yes**\_\_\_\_\_**No**\_\_\_\_\_ |
| ***What does it mean to be responsible for your actions?***   |  | | --- | | * For people to be fully responsible for their actions, they must… | | **This applies to the scenario because…** | | |
| 2. Two men decide to hold up a convenience store. A third man stands guard outside while the robbery takes place, making sure no one --- especially the police --- enters the store until the robbers have left with their loot. During the robbery, one of the men inside shoots the convenience store clerk, killing her. The two men are subsequently apprehended, arrested and tried for the crime of felony murder. The third man also is tried for the crime.   * Are the two men who held up the convenience store **responsible** for the the death of the store clerk?      * Is the third man who stood guard outside **responsible** for the robbery and the death of the store clerk?   **Explain:** | **Yes**\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_  **Yes**\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_ |

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**II. Paired Practice - “You do”**

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| 4. Day after day Maria had to put up with the same stuff from Joan. Jokes about her accent. Jokes about her clothes. It was the worst on the bus in the morning when Joan would give a loud monologue about her. Most of the kids on the bus seemed scared of Joan, who was a real bully. They laughed nervously, even the couple of kids with whom Maria had gotten friendly in the two weeks she had been in the school. Maria’s face burned, but she never said anything. She didn’t want to get in a fight, especially since fighting meant suspension. but one day she just couldn’t take it anymore. She had an armful of books, and as she was walking down the bus’ steps, Joan gave her a shove. All the kids saw it. Books and papers flew everywhere. Maria scrambled to pick them up. As she was picking up her history book, Joan pushed her again and shouted, “Spic! When you’re done cleaning here you can come over and clean my bathroom.” Maria didn’t want to fight, but these actions and this language were more than she could tak. She ran up to Joan, pushed her as hard as she could, and punched her in the face when she was on the ground. She sould have hit her again, but she was dragged away by a teacher. Niow she’s suspended for a week, the minnimum required by the school’s antivolence policy. And Joan is still going to school. Maria just can’t believe it. She’s not sure she’ll ever go back.   * Is Maria responsible for her actions?   **Explain:** | **Yes**\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_ |

**Determine who you think is responsible** in the above scenario.Assign a number between 0-100 for each of the people listed below. Your total must equal **100 %.**

* Who is responsible for Maria’s suspension?

\_\_\_\_\_**Maria** \_\_\_\_\_\_**Joan** \_\_\_\_\_\_**The bus driver**

\_\_\_\_\_**the other kids on the bus**  \_\_\_\_\_\_ **other** (please specify)

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