

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why is empathy important?

First Thoughts

What is happening in these frames? How does each boy feel? Write your ideas below. Then discuss them with a partner.



Discuss Read the sentences. Check (✓) the sentences that show empathy. Then discuss the questions below with a partner.

- He doesn't know about baseball? Cool. I can teach him about it!
- So awkward! I hope he says something.
- Maybe I can find out what he likes. We can talk about what he likes.
- I can't do a presentation with someone who doesn't talk.
- Sometimes I like to work alone. Maybe he wants to work alone.

1. What do you think when you meet someone shy or different from you?
2. What are some other ways to show empathy for someone who is shy or different from you?

Reading Strategy: Monitor Understanding

When you **monitor understanding**, you make sure you understand the text you are reading. Good readers think about what they do and don't understand as they read. To monitor understanding, follow these steps:

1. Pause after each paragraph or section you read. Ask yourself: *Does this make sense? Are there any words I don't know? What happened? Has this ever happened to me?*
2. If you are having trouble understanding, stop reading.
3. Choose one of these strategies to fix the problem.
 - Reread the sentence, paragraph, or section.
 - If the problem is a word or phrase, see if another word or phrase works instead.
 - Read the next sentence or paragraph.
 - Look at any visuals in the text.
 - Make a connection to something in your life.

Strategy in Action

Read the frames from "That Sports Dude" from *Brave* and a reader's thoughts. What problem did the reader have? With a partner, say which strategies the reader used to fix the problem. Then discuss what "hammering out" means.