

EXTEND: POST-GAME DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING (4-5 MIN)

To stimulate a discussion about key episode concepts, ask some or all of these questions:

1. According to Gabe, why was Sofia upset? Why would the event he describes be bad for the Center in general? *Sofia was the target of some malicious internet gossip: she'd been accused of trying to get other people fired so she could get a promotion. Although it's a personal attack on Sofia, the gossip maligns the Center. The fact that all this is all over social media demoralizes everyone. Find Evidence; Infer Meaning*
2. What did Mai want to do to help teach the Center's staff about the dangers of **gossip**? Why might this be effective? *Mai drafted a skit about gossip to dramatize the evils of gossip and asked for the Director's help with it. She thought a skit might help the staff understand this serious issue in a funny and playful way. Identify Main Idea; Find Evidence*
3. What were your concerns about how the gossip was affecting the Center? What measures did you take in the hopes of improving the situation? *The Director wanted to bring clarity to the situation, dispel untruths, reassure staff, and bring Sofia back into the fold. Measures included scheduling a staff meeting and seeking out Sofia in the hopes that she'll attend. Find Evidence; Make Decisions*
4. Did you decide to make a rule that no one should talk about office money matters (except with you, in private) or to discuss the Center's new budget in a staff meeting? Explain your reasoning. *Students should recognize that being open about the budget with the whole staff would make everyone feel included and would likely prevent gossip from spreading. Make Decisions; Find Evidence*

EPISODE **12**

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Theme:

INTEGRITY

CCSS SL.5.1

Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EPISODE CHALLENGE

Sofia is at the center of some malicious gossip being spread on social media. It's not only personally insulting, but it also warns of financial problems at the Center, some of which are true. Students must decide how to help Sofia and how much to tell their staff about the financial issues the Center is facing.

BUILD VOCABULARY

If time allows, review students' understanding of the episode concept words, in bold.