



Facilitator note: Use fictional siblings only. Do not ask for students' family relationship, marriage, or home circumstances. No exercise assumes every family relationship is safe or requires maintaining contact. A student may pass or use an invented scenario. Work, travel, money, and visiting arrangements need the responsible adults' agreement.

Activity 1: The project underneath the project

Order these events:

- A. Zissia asks for one pre-wedding evening without an assigned job.
- B. The adults choose simple favors and say no more paper roses are needed.
- C. Zissia brings the crossword notebook to a later visit after asking whether there is room.
- D. Zissia makes six roses and proposes making the favor decorations together.
- E. Zissia admits that making work is a way to reserve her sister's time.
- F. During the agreed evening, she lets conversation include her sister's new home.

Identify when the practical project and the emotional wish first become different things.

Activity 2: An agreement or a wish?

Mark A (actual agreement), W (wish), or U (unsupported conclusion).

1. The sister says the roses are lovely.
2. Praising six roses commits the sister to every Tuesday.
3. Zissia wants their old routine to continue.





4. The adults approve simpler favors and do not request more roses.
5. They choose one evening using their actual plans.
6. A shorter visit proves the sister no longer cares.
7. The sister welcomes the notebook onto the new table after being asked.

For 1, explain why a compliment is neither a work agreement nor a rejection. Label that statement separately as an observed compliment if none of A/W/U precisely fits.

Activity 3: Ask without disguising the ask

Rewrite each as a clear request, preserving the other person's right to answer:

- "I can't finish this fold without you," when the speaker can finish it.
- "I suppose nobody wants the crossword book anymore."
- "If you really miss me, all Tuesdays should work."

Then write a request for one specific visit and a fallback question if the proposed time does not work. Do not require the other person to prove affection through availability.

Activity 4: A calendar with real edges

Use a fictional week: Monday evening is already arranged for family business; Tuesday has one free forty-minute period; Wednesday is unavailable; Thursday's plans are unknown. Two siblings want time together.

Create one plan they can actually agree on. Include what remains unknown and when they will discuss another visit. Do not write an agreement for every future week. Explain how a small real plan differs from an unlimited promise.





Activity 5: The six-rose decision

Choose and justify the useful next steps:

- Make a hundred roses so the family cannot refuse the finished work.
- Respect the adults' favor decision.
- Say honestly that the desired part is time with the sister.
- Treat the sister's new home as a forbidden subject.
- Use the existing six as decorations without attaching an obligation.
- Ask for an agreed evening and let it have an end.

Arrange your choices in a path. Add where a trusted adult can help with grief about change without forcing a sibling to promise unlimited time.

Activity 6: Two true sentences

Complete pairs about Zissia using story evidence:

- She wants the marriage to go ahead and .
- The shared evening is pleasant and .
- The sister remains a sister and .
- The crossword notebook is absent from the shelf and .

Write a four-line conversation that holds one pair without cancelling either half. No line may start "You should just be happy."





Activity 7: Draw the two tables

Draw an object-only scene showing the old room's shelf with an empty notebook space and the new home's table with the crossword book. Give both locations a small caption. Explain what changes, what continues, and what remains uncertain. Do not draw private homes from life or imply every changing relationship has the same ending.

Activity 8: Find the planning words

Find eight words, left to right. Explain ROUTINE/PLAN and WISH/ASK as two distinct pairs.

R	O	U	T	I	N	E	X	Y	Z
Q	P	L	A	N	A	B	C	D	E
W	I	S	H	A	B	C	D	E	F
Q	A	S	K	A	B	C	D	E	F
V	I	S	I	T	A	B	C	D	E
Q	C	H	A	N	G	E	X	Y	Z
T	I	M	E	A	B	C	D	E	F
Q	R	O	O	M	A	B	C	D	E
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Words: ROUTINE, PLAN, WISH, ASK, VISIT, CHANGE, TIME, ROOM.

Teacher answer key

1. D, B, E, A, F, C. The difference is visible when the favored project is not needed yet Zissia still wants its time; her explicit admission names it. The work choice and relationship wish require different conversations.





2. 1 observed compliment, not an agreement; 2 U; 3 W; 4 A (an actual adult decision/instruction); 5 A; 6 U; 7 A, bounded to the visit and object. Kind words do not obligate a person to a project or schedule.
3. Example requests: "Could we spend some time together? I don't actually need help with the fold"; "I miss working on the crossword book with you"; "Would one Tuesday suit, or should we look at another time?" Fallback should ask when to revisit plans without demanding a permanent commitment.
4. One possible plan: forty minutes Tuesday, if both agree; future time discussed once Thursday's information is known. Monday and Wednesday are not silently overwritten. Unknown does not mean no or yes. No recurring schedule is authorized by this fictional exercise.
5. Useful: respect decision; name emotional wish; use six without an obligation; agree on bounded evening. Reject coercive finished-work trap and forbidden new-home rule. Adult support can help Zissia name sadness and make appropriate arrangements, not guarantee the old routine.
6. Open. She misses their former closeness/routine; the conversation also hurts or changes; living arrangement/schedule changes; it has a welcome place at another table. Responses should not force one feeling to defeat the other.
7. Open object-only design. Old home is not declared worthless; new home is not declared a cure for missing the old routine. The crossword book and its empty shelf space show continuity across change; the next visit remains to be arranged.
8. ROUTINE row 1 columns 1-7; PLAN row 2 columns 2-5; WISH row 3 columns 1-4; ASK row 4 columns 2-4; VISIT row 5 columns 1-5; CHANGE row 6 columns 2-7; TIME row 7 columns 1-4; ROOM row 8 columns 2-5. A remembered routine is not an agreed future plan. A wish becomes discussable through an honest request, not a disguised workload.

