

## **TITLE: Split Decision**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

Students will watch and discuss the video “Split Decisions,” in which viewers see what happens when two teen girls decide whether or not to engage in digital drama. Students will then learn about and practice tactics for dealing with their anger other than cyberbullying or fighting online.

**Lesson time – 25 minutes**

### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Split Decision video
- Chalkboard
- Attachment 1 – Try this instead

**TELL STUDENTS:** they’re going to watch “Split Decisions.” The video follows the decisions of two teen girls who are having a conflict and must decide whether or not to engage in digital drama.

**SHOW THE VIDEO:** Show the video “Split Decision”

### **ACTIVITY:**

After the video, ask students the following discussion questions:

- *Do you think either Lily or Gabriela saw themselves as causing drama? Why or why not?*  
(The girls may have believed they were defending themselves after being attacked.)
- *When Lily saw the video Gabriela posted, she thought Gabriela was flirting with her boyfriend Kevin.*  
*Let’s try to see things from Gabriela’s perspective. Why do you think she posted the video?*  
(Gabriela thinks of Kevin as a friend. Teens often post silly videos with their friends.)
- *What do you think Lily’s friend said to help her calm down? What would you say to a friend who wanted to fight with someone online?*  
(Tell them to calm down, to consider the consequences, etc.)
- *What are some of the reasons you think teens may have drama online?*  
(Because they are angry, they want to get revenge, they don’t like the other person, etc.)
- *What are some methods Lily used to keep herself from lashing out online?*  
(She called a friend, she took a break, and she talked with Gabriela.)

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:**

Divide students into pairs. Ask them to read about and practice different methods of dealing with digital drama. Hand out copies of Attachment 1 - “Try This Instead” - to guide students.

**BE SURE:** to fill out the Safe Environment Education of Children, Youth and Parents Form and leave in the receptacle in the office. Thank you

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