

Friendship Fiascos & Fixes

No matter how close you are to a friend, there will be times when you don't get along. That's human nature and a part of human relationships. Gifted kids are generally really good at identifying the things that can go wrong with friends. And they're even better at coming up with solutions. Read the following to learn what other GTs say about friendship troubles and trouble-shooting, and see if any of these make sense to you.

 **According to the survey, here are the . . .**

Top 10 Troubles GTs Have with Their Friends

1. We like different things.
2. We compete about who is smarter.
3. We disagree about who is right about something (like game rules).
4. We get jealous of our friend's other friends.
5. We get mad when they don't share things with us.
6. We have a misunderstanding.
7. We fight over stupid things like playing on the computer.
8. We hate when they talk behind our backs and tell our secrets to others.
9. We get mad when they ignore or exclude us.
10. We fight over who goes first!

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Top 10 Ways GTs Problem-Solve with Their Friends

1. Take time away from each other to cool off.
2. Say, "I'm sorry" and hope they'll say it, too.
3. Try to talk it out and reach a compromise.
4. Find a way to laugh about it if you can.
5. Change the subject and see if the problem goes away.
6. Ask an adult for help.