

## Comparing

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Bonnie looked at her lunch. Then she looked at Judy's lunch box.  
"Why does she have a better lunch?" She asked. "It's not fair."

In gym class, Bonnie ran fast. Susan ran faster.  
"Why is she faster? It's not fair."

In their math test, Bonnie got a C-. Ben got an A+.  
"Why is he smarter? It's not fair." She whined.

In the bathroom, Bonnie looked in the mirror. Then she looked at Betty.  
"Why is she prettier? It's not fair." She cried.

When they were going home, Bonnie looked at her shoes. Then she looked at Dan's.  
"Mine are better." She smiled.

During the bus ride, Bonnie looked at her house. Then she looked at Steve's house.  
"Mine is bigger." She grinned.

"Stop that!" Charlotte yelled from the next seat. Charlotte was tired of hearing Bonnie complain all day. Now Bonnie was being too proud!

"What am I doing wrong?" Bonnie asked.

"Everyone has good things and bad things. Some people are smart, pretty, rich, or cool. Others are not, but everyone has something good about them." Charlotte explained.

"You're right." Bonnie felt ashamed. "I am sorry."

After that, Bonnie tried not to compare as much. There was something good about everyone, and she had forgotten that.



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  - A. This is terrible!
  - B. It's not fair!
  - C. It's not cool.
  - D. I hate this!
  
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  - A. Dan
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