

PLAYING THE PART

Use the following ideas to role play scenes with two people. If there is not enough class time for a role play, you may want to use these scenes as the basis for a letter-writing homework assignment.

1 Pedro really likes Marisol, and he hopes she'll like him, too. When they meet outside the mall, Marisol offers Pedro a cigarette. Pedro's grandfather was a smoker who died of lung cancer. Pedro doesn't want to start smoking. Marisol tells him he can throw the cigarette away if he doesn't like it. What can Pedro do?

2 Tiki always gives Jake a ride to school in her car. Tiki is a heavy smoker. Jake hates smelling like an ashtray all day, and the smoke makes him cough. But he feels weird asking Tiki not to smoke in her own car. Even more importantly, Jake doesn't want to lose the ride to school. What can Jake do?

3 Zandra and Tara have been best friends for years. Last summer, both girls started smoking. Now Tara wants to quit, but Zandra is always saying things like, "Just have one tonight, and then you can quit tomorrow," or "Wait until you're out of high school. It'll be easier to quit then." It's a lot harder for Tara to resist the urge when she sees Zandra smoking. What could Tara do?

4 Martina can't stand the fact that she's addicted to nicotine. She wishes she had never smoked a single cigarette. Now her little sister Paloma has been sneaking cigarettes out of Martina's purse. Martina doesn't want her sister to get stuck with the same habit, but whenever she tries to talk sense into her, an argument breaks out. Paloma says that she has equal rights. If it's okay for Martina to smoke, it's okay for her. What can Martina do?

