
FLIRTING OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

SCENARIO

My name is Crystal. For the past year I have had a crush on Marcus. Marcus is cute, funny, and dresses really nice. We are just friends for right now. But we like to flirt with each other.

Then there is Andy. Andy and Marcus are friends. Andy's okay, but he kind of makes me feel uncomfortable and he is not as fun as Marcus.

One day when I was at my locker, Andy and Marcus came over to talk to me. Marcus started whistling at me before he even got to my locker. I just laughed; he is so silly. When he came to my locker he started making comments about my body and the skirt I was wearing. I laughed and told him I had to get to class. I noticed him staring as I walked away so I turned around and smiled at him.

Don't you know the next day, I was at my locker again and here comes Andy. He starts whistling at me so I turned around and told him to stop. Then he started making comments about my body! This really made me angry and I told him not to make comments. He looked at me in my skirt and said something else. I was so mad I pushed him out of my way and walked to class. As I walked away, I noticed he was staring. I turned around and told him to stop looking at me like that.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did Crystal describe Marcus?
2. How did Crystal describe Andy?
3. In the first part of the story, what could the interaction between Crystal and Marcus be considered?
4. Why would it be considered flirting?
5. How did Crystal react? How did Crystal feel? Why?
6. How did Marcus flirt with Crystal?
7. In the second part of the story, what could the interaction between Crystal and Andy be considered?
8. Why would it be considered sexual harassment?
9. How did Crystal react? How did Crystal feel? Why?
10. How did Andy sexually harass Crystal?
11. Did the boys in the story do the same exact things?
12. Why was it flirting for Marcus, but sexual harassment for Andy?
13. Is flirting the same for everyone? Is sexual harassment the same for everyone?
14. What can you do if you were flirting with someone, but they considered it sexual harassment?