

Social exclusion plot

Story 1

*Setting:* you are on the playground in your neighbourhood.

*Character 1:* girl/ boy speaking with a strange accent - Esmeralda

*Character 2:* girl/ boy who is dressed in fancy clothes not very suitable for the playground - Samantha

*Character 3:* character 1' mother/ father Esmeralda's father

*Character 4:* character 2' mother/ father – Samantha's mother

*Characters 5 and 6 (optional):* siblings of character 1 and 2

*The girls do not know each other; the names are given for easy identification.*

Esmeralda and Samantha are at the playground with their parents (and siblings) alone. They stay at different corners. Esmeralda approaches Samantha and starts talking to her proposing to play together (Hi, shall we play together?) but Samantha looks down on her and doesn't even answer. Esmeralda decides that maybe Samantha didn't understand her and words her question in a different way (speaking with a strange accent) – Hello! Let's go to the sandy playground and make a castle.

*Samantha:* Why are you speaking like that?

*Samantha's mother:* Sam, who is this girl?

Samantha to Esmeralda: What's your name? Why are you speaking like that?

*Esmeralda:* My name is Esmeralda. We arrived here last month. I come from Mexico. And you? What's your name?

Samantha goes to her mother and tells her about her talk with Esmeralda. Samantha's mother takes her away from the playground.

Esmeralda goes to her father crying.