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Flex Your Critical Muscle

The article “Everyone’s a Critic!” (page 19) outlines some helpful strategies for giving and receiving criticism. Here’s your chance to put what you’ve learned into practice by answering the questions below.

1. Your little sister asks you to read her book report before she hands it in. The report is full of incomplete sentences and spelling mistakes. It also doesn’t provide a clear idea of what the book is about. What do you tell her?

2. Your club has a big event coming up at school, and you’re on the poster committee. After you’ve made a few posters, the club president comes over. “You can do a better job,” he says. “You’re using too many colors, and the important information is way too small.” How do you react?

3. You’re on a class trip to a museum. Another group from a different school is there too. One of those students starts making fun of the way you wear your hair. “Are you just going to take that?” says your friend. What’s your response?
