

Ways to Respond to Unfair Acts

Ways to respond to unfairness:

1. confront the person who is being unfair
2. write a letter to raise awareness
3. ignore the problem and hope that good will win out in the end
4. refuse to participate or buy products
5. use violence
6. try to change a law
7. give your support to the person who is treated unfairly
8. propose a more fair procedure or solution
9. compromise [*to come to agreement when both sides give a little*]
10. use conflict-resolution skills

Read the different examples of unfair situations below. Next to each example, write the number(s) from above of an appropriate way(s) to respond to the unfairness.

- Children working as slaves in Pakistan
- Eighth graders bullying a sixth grader
- One friend cheats while playing a board game.
- A woman isn't hired for a top position because she is a woman.
- Cacao farmers are paid very little for their produce by big chocolate companies.
- A teacher gives a detention to the wrong person in a confusing situation.
- The basketball coach put one player into the game for only 2 minutes.
- A taxi company refuses to pick up African Americans.
- A form for a competitive scholarship includes questions about gender and race.
- A city government taxes people who were not born in this country at a higher rate.
- When two students want the last burrito in the cafeteria, one student is faster and grabs it.

