## Social pressures

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Can you recall a time when you or a friend have been negatively affected by the actions and words of your peers, or been in a situation with your peers that made you feel unhappy or uncomfortable? Maybe you're experiencing a time like this right now?



Briefly describe a scenario

Next, compete the three sentences below using the 3 Ds – Distract, Distance and Dispute, to help you handle these situations confidently in the future.



## **Distract**

The constructive or fun thing I will focus my attention on instead is.....

The kind and positive person I will choose to speak to is.....



## **Distance**

The thing I have been thinking that isn't true is.....

The thing that other people have been saying that isn't true is.....



## Dispute

The unhelpful thought I have that doesn't have any evidence to back it up ......

A connection I have made that doesn't exist is ......

There is no use in me thinking that.....