

SCENARIO ONE

In a small group with either classmates or friends, read the following conversation scenario. Then, discuss the follow-up questions.

Margaret: Hey, James! How was your summer break?

James: It was good! I spent most of my time at my family's cabin at the lake so let's just say getting back into the swing of things with school is gonna be tough!

Margaret: Haha I'm sorry! Well, we can tough it out together. My summer break I read lots of my favorite books and binged WAY too many shows on Netflix so I got too used to being lazy.

James: It's nice to know that I'm not alone in this!

Margaret: Speaking of alone, where's Isaac? I remember last school year you guys went everywhere together!

James: Isaac actually moved to Texas! Both of his parents are in the military so his whole life they've always moved to lots of different places in the country.

Margaret: Oh wow! I'm sorry, that must've been hard for you when he moved. I know you guys had only just started dating but that still must've been rough.

James: Yeah, at first I was sad but we're still friends and we talk every week so that's been nice!

Margaret: That's good! So do you think you'll just skip on this year's beginning of the school year dance?

James: Actually no! I've been really good friends with this girl named Shelby ever since we were freshmen. Her locker is right next to mine and we've had lots of classes with each other in the past so I think I might ask her!

Margaret: Oh Shelby, nice! But wait, I thought you were....

James:gay because I dated Isaac? Yeah, I'm still trying to figure out my true self and sort of where I fit in the grand scheme of things, but I'm bi!

Margaret: Oh okay! I actually don't think I know what that means. Would you mind explaining it to me?

In this scenario, Margaret and James are catching up on their first day of school. Their conversation leads to James sharing with Margaret that he is bisexual. Margaret was unfamiliar with that term and didn't know what it meant.

>Do you think the way Margaret responded to James was respectful? If so, in what ways?

>If you were ever in a situation like Margaret was and weren't familiar with a term that was said, how would you ask the person you're talking to to explain the term to you?

>Even though James openly shared his sexual orientation with Margaret, why should Margaret not go around sharing that information with other people?

