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Nigel or Tony?

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# The Problem

There were no monsters at Bailey Middle School, just the usual people who make school harder than it needs to be, like bullies, snobby girls, and boring teachers. But lucky for Lennie, there were some cool kids, too. She got to meet some of Gil's friends, and the girls' soccer team looked like it would be fun to play for. It wasn't her old school in Philadelphia, but maybe going to this school wouldn't be so bad.



A week after classes started, Lennie was riding her bike to school when she passed Donna Brown walking down Main Street with a pair of other high school girls. The three of them seemed to be arguing about something, but Donna shushed the girls and waved Lennie over to them.

“What’s going on?” Lennie asked as she pulled her bike to a stop.

“Can you do some more of that math stuff?” Donna asked. She pointed to her friends. “Tessa and Nicole have gotten me



all mixed up about something.”

Lennie looked at the other two girls. One was a sun-tanned blonde who wore a checkered skirt and a blouse with a large letter *T* stitched on it. The other was a shorter girl with fair skin and dark hair. She wore a pair of faded jeans and a t-shirt with a large letter *N* printed on it.

“It wasn’t our fault,” said the blonde girl, crossing her arms in front of her. From the *T* on her shirt, Lennie guessed that she was Tessa.

“Yeah,” the other girl agreed. “We didn’t do anything wrong.” Lennie guessed that she was Nicole.

“Oh, come on!” said Donna to her friends. “This is all because of your stupid club rules.”

“You guys are in a club?” asked Lennie.

“Two clubs,” said Donna. “When the girls in my class found out about my two boyfriends—you know, Nigel and Tony—they couldn’t decide who they liked better. They even formed two clubs: one for girls who



like Nigel, and one for girls who like Tony.”

“So what’s the problem?” asked Lennie.

Pointing in turn to the girl wearing the letter *T* and the girl wearing the letter *N*, she added, “Are Tessa and Nicole in different clubs?”

“I’m Tessa,” said the girl wearing the letter *N*.

“And I’m Nicole,” said the girl wearing the letter *T*.

Lennie looked back and forth between them. “So why do your shirts have...?”



# Challenge Words

## NEW WORDS

actually

principal

answers

probability

average

regular

calculate

situation

complicated

situations

diamonds

somewhere

disbelief

squinted

eagerly

surprised

equally

surprising

expected

usual

guessed

whispered

multiply

whiteboard

possible