

IN-LAW ROLE PLAY OR DISCUSSION

Have students role play the parts of a newly married couple and their parents.

1. The bride's mother-in-law is annoyed that the couple's apartment is a mess (dirty dishes and laundry not taken care of, bed not made, etc.)

How does the bride feel?

Why is the mother annoyed?

2. The groom is working as a manager at a restaurant for \$5 an hour and the bride's father asks him why he cannot find a better job?

How does the groom feel?

Why is the father critical?

3. The groom's mother finds a good sale on some furniture for the newlywed's apartment and suggests that the bride hurry down and get it while it is on sale.

How does the bride feel?

Should she take the advice?

4. The bride's parents pay college tuition for both the bride and groom. The couple plan a vacation to Disneyland.

Why are the parents resentful?

Should the couple go on their vacation?

5. The bride's and groom's families are both expecting the couple for Thanksgiving dinner.

How will they avoid hurting feelings?

How will they both get to be with their families?