

**Lesson #6 CASE STUDY: TIM THE TEAMMATE**

This case study is presented in “Reader’s Theater” format, with four parts: Narrator, Tim, Kendra, and Matthew.

**Narrator:** Tim, Kendra, and Sara have a project due for school.

**Tim:** I can’t wait to get this group project done. It’ll feel so good to have it turned in!

**Kendra:** I agree. Have you heard from Sara? Are they coming to this meeting?

**Narrator:** Ding! Tim gets a text ...

**Tim:** Oh, it’s Sara ... Ugh, she says she hasn’t gotten to her part of the project yet because she’s sick. She’s asking if you and I can cover for her.

**Kendra:** Oh, man, that’s so annoying. Well, I guess we’ll have to see what we can do.

**Tim:** Yeah—being a part of a team is a pain sometimes. At least we get graded on our individual parts and it’s not all tied to the overall group grade.

**Kendra:** For sure. Are you heading to lunch?

**Tim:** Yeah—let’s sit together and figure out what we’re going to do about the project.

**Narrator:** In the cafeteria, Tim overhears Matthew, Sara’s boyfriend, talking with a friend.

**Matthew:** Dude, last night, Sara and I were at this epic party—it was totally sweet! We had so much crazy fun. I wish we could party like that all the time!

**Tim:** Hey, Matt—couldn’t help but overhear. Sounds like you had a great time last night! Where’s Sara today? Don’t you usually eat lunch together?

**Matthew:** Sara is home today—I think she called in sick. Pretty sure she’s just super exhausted and trying to catch up on homework.

**Narrator:** Tim swallows his frustration and ignores his intense desire to roll his eyes in disgust, and turns his attention back to his lunch. Kendra sits down with her food.

**Tim:** Guess what I just found out?

**Kendra:** What?

**Tim:** Sara isn't sick at all. She didn't get her part of the project done because she was out at a party with her boyfriend, Matt.

**Kendra:** For real? Seriously. That's super annoying.

**Tim:** I know!

**Narrator:** Tim loses his self-control and starts ranting and asking lousy questions.

**Tim:** I just hate group projects! Why can't Sara get her act together? Who put me in this group with these lazy people? Why are dating couples so insensitive? When will someone step up and help?! And why does Matt get all the pretty girls?!!

**Narrator:** Kendra is a little taken aback by Tim's sudden outburst and scoots a little bit further away from him.

**Kendra:** Umm . . . okay yeah—I'm gonna go. See you later in class, Tim . . .

### Discussion Questions:

- What would be a better way for Tim to respond?
- What questions could he ask instead?
- How should he approach Sara about her part of the project?
- How does the team benefit when each member says "I own it!"?