

Kendra's Party

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Kendra and Kylie were best friends. They've been inseparable since junior kindergarten. They first met in the sandbox, oh that sandbox... lots of memories. Kendra was 10 and Kylie 11, Kylie always brags about being the older one. The two girls were planning a sleepover party for Kendra's birthday in two weeks, it was going to be epic. Just imagine, a snack table overflowing with cupcakes, candy, chips, and soda. Balloons everywhere, matching PJ's for everyone, karaoke and spooky movies all night long.

With just two weeks before the sleepover, Kendra had to hand out invitations to her friends at school. The only problem was that she could only invite five people! Five people only!

Usually, Kendra had her birthday parties in the party room on the 10th floor of her apartment building, so inviting the entire class was never an issue - enough snacks and enough space for everyone! There was no way that Kendra's entire class would fit into her apartment.

Kendra and Kylie sat down at the park with a pen and a notebook so they could decide who to invite. "This is going to be a tough one, and people's feelings will get hurt, but who do you want to invite to your party?" asked Kylie

"I like everyone in our class, how am I supposed to choose just 5? I don't want people to be mad at me", said Kendra

The girls spent two hours narrowing down names, then re-thinking, creating new lists and so on. Finally they had a list of 5 people who Kendra would be inviting to her party. Farouk, Gemma, Christina, Justine, and David. Easy peasy. Now it was time to make the invitations, Kylie was the artistic one, so using markers, glitter glue, and gel pens, she made the most beautiful invitations to hand out at school.

The next day at school, Kendra quietly handed out the invitations to only 5 of her classmates. It wasn't long before several students who were not invited were asking Kendra why she left them out.

Kendra tried explaining that she simply could not invite everyone, but the students were still upset.

"Should I apologize to the class? Or maybe just cancel my party?" asked Kendra

"It's not that big of a deal. There's no way the entire class will fit in your apartment. What do they expect you to do?" responded Kylie

Not only was her party going to be a complete bust, but she felt like she just lost all of her friends. What's the point of even having the party if it's going to cause all this trouble? So then and there she decided, the party was off. She visited Farouk, Gemma, Christina, Justine, and David to let them know that the party was canceled.

When she went home, Kendra walked into the dining room to break the bad news to her mom; that she would no longer be having a slumber party. Her mom was upset to hear this, but had a good suggestion.

"What about if all of your friends came over on Friday after school for cupcakes and pizza in the big party room upstairs, then we have your slumber party the next day? That way *everyone* gets the chance to celebrate with you in some way", suggested her mom

This was a great idea. Fabulous! Totally doable. So Kendra immediately called Kylie and asked her to make invitations to her Friday cupcake party so they could hand them out at school the next day. Right after, Kendra called Farouk, Gemma, Christina, Justine, and David to let them know that the sleepover was still happening.

Kendra felt so relieved, and much happier now that she figured it out. The only thing left to decide was what flavour cupcakes she would get for the party!

QUESTIONS:

1. If you were having a birthday party, what kind of food, decorations, and activities would you have?
2. If your classmate didn't invite you to their birthday party, would you be upset? Why or why not?
3. What do you do when someone leaves you out on purpose?