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When I first entered 7th grade I thought choosing the right friends for myself would be hard, but the 4-Way Test helped me. I needed to know if my choice was true, if it was fair, if it built goodwill and friendship, and if it would be beneficial. The choice I had to make was who I wanted to hang out with in school: the popular kids or the outcasts. If I choose the popular kids I would act like someone that I am not. Then if I choose the outcasts I could be myself and not get judged for it. This ended up being a very tough decision but the 4-Way Test helped me get through it.

Firstly, I need to know if my choice is true to me and the people around me. When I made up my mind about the two friend groups I thought about if I would be true to myself. The choice was the popular kids or the outcasts; if I choose the popular kids I would be acting like someone that I am the exact opposite of and that's not being true to who I really am. Then if I choose the outcasts I would be able to act like myself, a socially awkward, weird kid who does weird, stupid, and funny things. In conclusion my answer is yes, my choice is the truth to me, the popular kids, and the outcasts.

Secondly, I need to make sure that my choice is fair to all. Being that I am choosing between two different groups of people, one group may end up being disappointed in me for my decision. It wouldn't be fair to me either because I would be hated by either group based upon my decision. Sure, whichever group I choose it's fair to them, but is it fair to the other group that I turned down? Based off of the details my choice between the popular kids and the outcasts is not fair to me or the groups.

Thirdly, I have to figure out if my choice builds goodwill and friendship. My choice will definitely build friendship because either way I will be gaining friends in the end of everything. But, my choice isn't building goodwill; the consequences of my choices may lead to drama between me and both groups and that will lead to me not having any friends at all. Plus I may be mistreated or talked about behind my back and that can lower my self-esteem by a lot! In result my choice does not build goodwill, but it does build friendship, so this part of the 4-Way Test is in the middle.

Lastly, is my choice beneficial to all concerned? If you think about one group may not like me that much, and they most likely don't want me hanging with them, so it's beneficial to me because I can stay away from being hurt because of my bad decision. If I choose the group that does want to be my friend it's beneficial to them and me

because they actually want me to be their friends! In the end it all depends on which friends I pick, and after my experience with the popular kids I can tell that I'm not so adored by them based on how they treat me. So in conclusion, yes, my choice is beneficial to all concerned.

As a result my choice was...drumroll please...the outcasts! Thanks to the 4-Way Test I ended up making the right choice on which friends to hang out with and I am happy because of that. My choice ended up being true to me and others around me. It was not fair to me or both groups, it didn't build goodwill but it did build friendship, and it was extremely beneficial to me and the groups. Based off of my decisions it's clear that the 4-Way Test helped me out a ton; I should use it way more if I ever need to make a tough decision again. I am very glad I used the 4-Way test for this choice cause without it I most likely would be sad right now because I messed up, but I didn't, and I'm thankful for that.