When I see a group of people talking, I may want to join them.



I start by standing back and listening to what they are talking



But first, I need to make sure that it is okay to join the group.



I make eye contact with someone in the group and smile.



They may not want me to join their group, and that is okay.



This shows that I am friendly and interested in what they are talking about.





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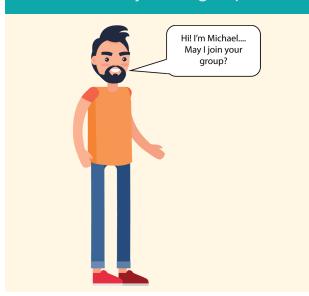
## I walk up to the group.



I wait for a pause in the conversation before I say anything.



When there is a pause, I ask if they mind if I join the group.



If they say I can join, I smile and say "Thank you."



I should introduce myself and say "Hi" to the group members.



If they say I cannot join, I smile, say "Okay," and walk away.





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