

## Kindness Counts Answer Key

1. Mia was teased.
2. They said her backpack looked like a baby bag.
3. She felt sad, embarrassed, and hurt.
4. Leo sat with her and gave her a kind compliment.
5. Tell an adult, stand by the person, or say something kind.
6. Include others, use kind words, and never laugh at teasing.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For nonreaders, read the story aloud and display key words with visuals (e.g., "sad," "happy," "kind").
  - For higher-level learners, ask them to retell the story from Leo's or Mia's point of view.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Role-play the story and discuss how tone and body language affect feelings.
  - Have students draw how Mia felt before and after Leo spoke to her.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Create a "Kindness Wall" where students write kind actions they've done or seen.
  - Use similar stories weekly to build empathy vocabulary and reinforce respectful choices.