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***What Kind of Problem Is It?***

**Directions:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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| **Large** |

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| **Urgent** |

Everyone faces challenges and problems each day, adult and children alike. No one is defined by the problems that they face it is how they deal with their problems appropriately that defines who people are.

Generally, problems can be categorized in four different ways:

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| **Small** |

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| **Insignificant** |

For each type of problem there are rational ways to deal with each problem. If you overreact or underreact to a problem, then it might lead to more problems. The first step in figuring out how to address problems is to determine what type of problem you are dealing with.

**Determining types of problems:**

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| **Insignificant Problems** | **Small Problems** |
| *Definition* | *Definition* |
| An **insignificant problem** is a problem that is not worth considering or thinking about because it does not influence you in any way.  | A **small problem** is a problem that does have influence on you but can be solved quickly, later or let go. |

The major difference between the an **insignificant problem**  and **small problem**  is an insignificant problem you might be able to let go without addressing and a small problem is something that may not seem like a big deal to others but is something you would still like to be solved.

**Stop and Jot:** What is the difference between an **insignificant problem** and a **small problem?**

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***What Kind of Problem Is It?* (Continued)**

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| **Large Problems** | **Urgent Problems** |
| *Definition* | Definition |
| A **large problem** is a problem is a problem that may take some time to solve. It may prevent you from focusing on something current and you may need to ask for help. | An **urgent problem** is a problem that must be dealt with immediately because you or someone else may be in danger. Urgent problems indicate that “now” is of the upmost importance. |

Categorizing problems is a deeply personal decision. What might be a small problem for one person might be a large problem for another person. The important thing is to think about what the problem means to you and to categorize it appropriately so you can deal with it appropriately.

**Reflection Questions for *What Kind of Problem is it?***

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the main difference between a **large problem** and an **urgent problem?**

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1. The passage says that “identifying what kind of problem it is, is deeply personal” do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not? **Explain.**

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1. In your opinion do believe categorizing problem is a “deeply personal thing” Why or why not?

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**Stamp Your Learning for *What Kind of Problem is it?***

1. Thinkabout the following problems and circle whether the problem is insignificant, small, large or urgent and explain why.

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| **Problem** | **Why did you categorize it this way?** |
| 1. You forgot all your HW at home.

**Circle one:**Insignificant Small Large Urgent | **Why:** |
| 1. You have a headache in math class

**Circle one:**Insignificant Small Large Urgent | **Why:** |
| 1. A classmate rolls their eyes at you.

**Circle one:**Insignificant Small Large Urgent | **Why:** |
| 1. A teacher gives you a small correction

**Circle one:**Insignificant Small Large Urgent | **Why:** |

**Stamp Your Learning for *What Kind of Problem is it?* (Continued)**

1. **Think about a problem** you have had this school year in each category and explain why you would put each one in each category.

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| **Describe the Problem** | **Why did you categorize it this way?** |
| **Insignificant Problem:** | **Why:** |
| **Small Problem:** | **Why:** |
| **Large Problem:** | **Why:** |
| **Urgent Problem:** | **Why:** |