

## Lesson 2: We All Have Mental Health



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### Mental Health and Feelings



**Everyday feelings** come and go and are a normal reaction to what is happening in our lives. They are always changing and don't usually hang around for too long.



**Overwhelming feelings** hang around for a long time, change the way we feel and behave and may stop us from doing what we want to in life. You have heard people call them a mental health problem, mental illness or mental disorder.



#### Everyday Feelings



Examples of everyday feelings might include: happiness, joy, disappointment.

# Overwhelming Feelings



feelings might include:
loss, grief, despair.













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# How are you feeling today?



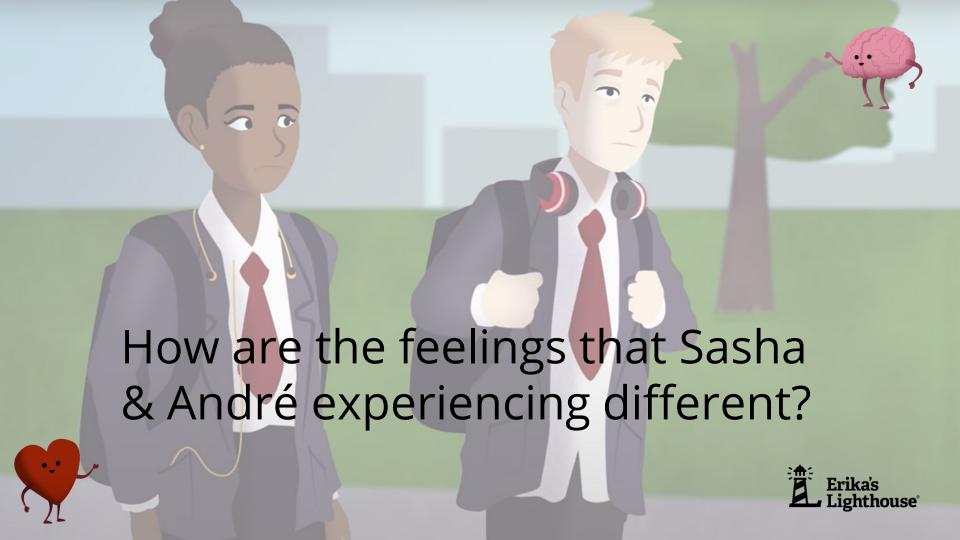
Let's watch Sasha and Andre to learn more about

feelings















Overwhelming feelings can be difficult to admit or talk about.

What made it difficult for André to talk about his mental health or to ask for help?











# What gets in the way of good mental health?

















# Coping skills can help us manage life's challenges.





- Mindfulness activities
- Journaling





#### REMEMBER...

- Everyone deserves good mental health
- Stress is normal, but too much increases the risk for health problems
- Small improvements in nutrition, sleep, exercise and other coping skills can help us to better manage stress and achieve mental health



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