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The Speculation Challenge

An activity of "Tee and Boba".

Read the comics, "Tee and Boba" (page 28, *What's Up* March 2025). Have you ever avoided doing a task, but you weren't exactly sure why? Or have you ever seen somebody do something and you wondered what motivated them? People's actions are influenced by many reasons. Intelligent guesswork (i.e. speculation) can help us to understand other people better. The first part of this activity invites you to speculate. The second part draws on the understanding that speculation may give you.

1. Let's look at Tee and Boba's responses in the comic and speculate on their motivations. Three are given to you. Can you think of two more below?

a) Give a rating for the reasons to the scenarios using the following:

- X = I can't relate to this
- 🔶 = I relate slightly to this
- + = I can relate to this.

	Reasons: Tee avoids tidying up his section of the room because	Rating
1	The task feels too overwhelming. He doesn't know where to start.	
2	It's boring. He has other more fun and exciting things to do.	
3	He doesn't see the need for a clean and tidy space.	
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	Reasons: Boba tidies his section of the room because	
1	He enjoys keeping it clean and tidy.	
2	He is afraid of catching germs and diseases if he leaves it dirty.	
3	He believes it is his responsibility to keep it clean and tidy.	
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b) With a partner, compare your reasons and ratings. What were the similarities and differences? Were there reasons you had not considered before?

- 2. Now, let's speculate about the real-life Tees and Bobas around you.
- a) Some students always complete their homework on time, while other struggle to complete it. Why do you think this happens? Give as many reasons as you can think of.

b) What is one thing in your daily life that you often avoid doing? (Examples: assignments, studying for a test, tidying up, practicing a musical instrument.) Why do you avoid it?

c) Can you think of ways to help yourself overcome the procrastination or reluctance?

- 3. Write a short story titled "The Dilemma", about a character who has to complete something but is reluctant to do it. Use speculation to flesh out the details. In your story, consider the following points:
 - Describe your main character.
 - Describe the task the person is avoiding or struggling with.
 - Show at least three reasons why the task is not getting done.
 - Show the person's inner conflict i.e. to do or not to do the task.
 - Have a climax showing what finally is done (or not done).

Plan your story in point form below before you write it out.

The Dilemma