

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

Read the following biogs. Then think about how each character might be feeling and why.

John works as a supervisor in a car factory and enjoys going to the football at the weekends. He has recently been diagnosed with colon cancer. He's had surgery to remove the cancer and has now started a course of chemotherapy. Chemo makes him feel very tired and sick, but it helps make sure the cancer doesn't come back. John hopes to return to work gradually when he's feeling better.



Rachel is married to John. She works part time in a local supermarket and looks after her daughter Emily on her days off. Rachel had to take time off work to help look after John while he was recovering from surgery. Now that he's going through chemo she's helping to care for him on her days off, as well as looking after Emily. Things are pretty stressful with all this going on.

Alex is 15. He likes playing football, computer games and hanging out with his friends. He hasn't been able to go to football for a few weeks as his mum's too busy to give him a lift. Alex is upset about his dad's illness, but doesn't want to talk to his parents about it as they've got enough to worry about.



Jamil is one of Alex's best friends. They sit together in most classes at school and play for the same football team on Saturdays. Jamil knows Alex's dad is being treated for cancer, but he hasn't spoken to his friend about it yet. He doesn't know what to say or do to help his friend and doesn't want to upset him by getting it wrong.

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