

When Someone Close to You Gets Cancer

GRADES 5–6
EXTENSION ACTIVITY

1. Explain to students that sometimes when people get very sick – such as with cancer – they may need a lot of help from their friends and family members.
2. Show the video, **“When Someone Close to You Gets Cancer.”**
3. After the video focus discussion on the following questions:
 - > “Why do you think that one of the family members said that the first thing to do is to become educated?”
 - > “Another family member said that being a caregiver is more difficult than being a patient? Why do you think that may be true?”
 - > “Why is it important to take the cues from the patient?”
 - > “What other things did caregivers do to help themselves and the person with cancer?”
4. Ask students if they have personal experiences of times when they have provided or needed support as a family member of someone affected by cancer.
5. Emphasize the point that by helping the family cope with the illness, you are also helping the patient. Both the patient and the family need help and support.