AM I SOMEBODY?

We are all somebody, but are we somebody who’s able to make good choices? Walk through the scenarios below and find out exactly what kind of somebody you are!

You hear two students screech, “Move out of our way!” as they push through everyone in line to get the best seats on the bus. You:

A. say nothing and watch as they push past the people who were in line first.
B. advocate for the people in line and make sure they get their seats.
C. follow their lead and push past.

You see trash up and down the neighborhood while walking to school. You:

A. shrug it off—the neighborhood was dirty, and it’s not your problem.
B. rally the community to clean and beautify the block.
C. add more trash to the pile—after all, what’s one more piece of plastic?

You see that a few other kids in your classroom don’t have snacks during lunchtime, but you have enough to share with them and have a special treat of your own. You:

A. eat all of your snacks. The other kids should have brought their own.
B. share your extra snacks with the group and potentially make a few new friends.
C. mock the kids that didn’t bring snacks.

You get home, and there’s a huge mess that you didn’t make! All sorts of toys and trinkets litter the floor, but you know that your family will be home after a hard day’s work to clean up the mess. You:

A. tiptoe around the toy-filled floor and stay up in your room until dinnertime.
B. pick up the toys to make things nicer for when your family gets home.
C. put more toys on the floor thinking somebody will play with them eventually.

You’re at dinner and feel conflicted about everything you’ve seen during the day. Good, bad, or neutral, you realize there are a lot of choices to be made in life, and you aren’t sure how to proceed. You:

A. leave the choices to other people. Someone’ll do something...right?
B. decide that change starts with you, and start working hard to make a positive impact.
C. lose all hope and join the people making selfish choices.
If you picked mostly A\text{s}, you’re somebody who should consider speaking up more. It’s okay to think that someone else should take a stand, or that the problem might resolve itself, but when you learn to speak your truth, you’ll find it makes a difference and your confidence will grow.

If you picked mostly B\text{s}, congratulations: you are Somebody! Even though you know that there are messes and injustices everywhere, you also know that your actions matter, and you’re ready to enact change. Keep making fantastic choices that impact your community—and your world!—positively.

If you picked mostly C\text{s}, you’re somebody who needs to think a little deeper about how you might be impacting others. Maybe there’s a tiny voice in your head telling you that somebody should do something, but you tend to ignore it. Don’t! Instead, learn to care about the future Somebody you can be, and try your best to leave people, places, and the world better than you found it.