

## Applying the Golden Rule

**'Treat other people as you'd want to be treated in their situation.'**  
**'Do not treat others in a way you would not like to be treated yourself.'**

Take a look at the letter below from a child asking for advice on how to use the Golden Rule.

*Last week I was on a trip with three of my friends. I was put in charge of buying lunch and went to the shop. I wanted to do the right thing so I followed the Golden Rule.*

*My favourite sandwich is tuna mayonnaise so I bought tuna mayonnaise for everyone. However, when I handed out the sandwiches, Caroline said she would have preferred cheese, Emma said she didn't like tuna, and Jacob said he was allergic to mayonnaise!*

*Where did I go wrong?*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sam*

### Questions

- 1) Could you have done better than Sam?
- 2) What would you have done differently?
- 3) Did the Golden Rule not work, or was Sam not using it properly?

**Activity:** Write a reply to Sam's letter from a humanist explaining where she went wrong and how she might have used the Golden Rule differently.

Take a look at [The Golden Rule information sheet](#) to learn about how a humanist might think about the Golden Rule in a similar situation.