• A bought and brought coffee to a work meeting with B

•A helped B carry groceries up a 5th floor walkup

example interactions

- A meticulously checked a finished group project with B
- A gave B a precious and expensive gift
- •A volunteered to watch B's children so that B could have a date night
- A offered to go to B's preferred restaurant

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relationship

equal status A lower status A higher status





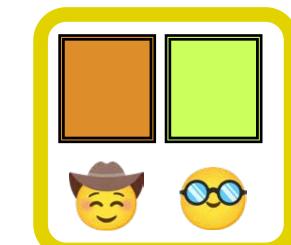


A and B are in a relationship where

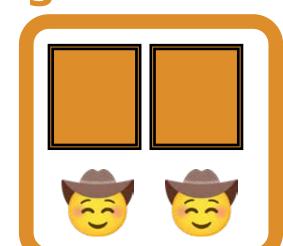
- •A and B have equal power, status, or influence
- •A has less power status, or influence than B
- A has more power, status, or influence than B

sequence of actions

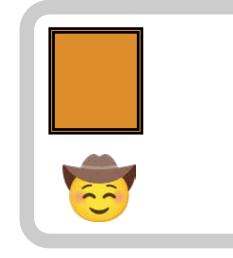
A and B alternate



A repeated generous



no future interaction



Last time A did [action]. This time

- B does [action]
- A does [action]
- •There is no future interaction

possible motivations

[...] The second time, A did [action]. How much was A motivated to

- •Increase A's own benefits in the long run
- Increase B's benefits
- Make sure B's benefits are as high as their own
- Communicate that they want to have an equal relationship with B
- Communicate that they want to have a hierarchical relationship with B

experiment 3