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Day One

Teasing: Friendly or Mean?

Part 1: Silent read

→ Is teasing fun or cruel? Read silently.

The track team has finished their drills. Gina is the first one to finish the mile. “You win again, girl!” Troya yells. “Those long legs are definitely helping you out!” Gina smiles at her friend’s words. She feels good about being tall and speedy.

The next day, Gina is working on a problem in math class. Suddenly, Tyler calls out, “Hey, down in front! We can’t see over Gina the Giant!” Gina blushes and slumps down low in her seat, embarrassed.

After school, Rachel and Gina walk home together. Rachel pulls out a pack of cigarettes and offers one to Gina, but Gina refuses. “What are you, too good to smoke?” Rachel comments. “Are you afraid your mother might see you?”

In all three scenarios, Gina was being teased. Teasing is making a joke about someone. Teasing often focuses on someone’s appearance or behavior. One expert says there are three kinds of teasing: friendly, mean, and taunting. When Troya teased Gina about being tall, this was friendly teasing. Friendly teasing is playful and makes a person feel accepted for who they are. Mean or hurtful teasing, like Tyler’s comment, is intended to make a person feel bad. Taunting, like Rachel’s comments about smoking, can pressure someone to do something dangerous or stupid.

Ultimately, only the person being teased can decide whether teasing is friendly or hurtful. Only the person being teased knows for sure how it makes them feel inside.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is teasing?

How can you tell if teasing is friendly or hurtful?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.