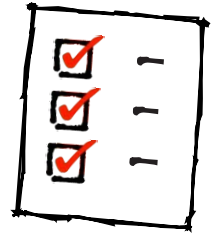


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## Day Two

# Girl-on-Girl Violence

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Girls spread rumors
- and excluded each other
- Statistics tell us that today
- more girls are arrested for assault
- In one recent incident in Boston
- a girl slashed another with a razor
- changing gender roles

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### Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word is a smaller word within a longer word, with no endings or other word parts added.

locker

hateful

slamming

attacker

parenting

meaningful



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# Girl-on-Girl Violence

### Part 2: Last read

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Two girls face each other in their school’s locker room. They give each other hateful looks. Suddenly, one girl attacks. Fists fly. The girls screech, kick, and grab each other’s long hair. There’s a brutal punch. Soon, one girl is on her back, her head slamming against the floor. Her name is Kelly, and she is just 13 years old. 60

A friend of Kelly’s attacker made a video of the fight and posted it online. A parent who watched the video says, “I was disgusted. Girls today are outrageous!” 77 89

Some people say that girl-on-girl violence has become a big problem. People used to believe that girls and boys fought in different ways. Girls spread rumors and excluded each other. Boys fought with their fists. Stories like Kelly’s suggest that this is changing. Statistics tell us that today, more girls are arrested for assault. More girls also carry weapons. In one recent incident in Boston, a girl slashed another with a razor. The victim needed 100 stitches. 105 119 133 148 163 168

What’s behind the rise in girl-on-girl violence? Experts point to violent TV, changing gender roles, and poor parenting. 183 188

However, other people say that girl-on-girl violence is not a meaningful trend. After all, girls still fight and carry weapons less often than boys. Police and schools may be just responding more to girls’ fights. Are today’s girls more violent? Or are a few violent incidents giving people the wrong idea? 203 218 234 241

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Based on your own experience, do you think girls are more violent than they used to be? Why do you think that?

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Share your answer with your partner. Does your partner agree or disagree?

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