

Name:

Day One

Girl Wars

Part 1: Silent read

→ Why are some girls so mean? Read silently.

A book called *Girl Wars* says that some girls like the thrill that comes from hurting others. This is what mean sounds like: “Nice shirt. Did they have a sale at Goodwill?” When the victim shows her feelings are hurt, the other girl will say, “C’mon, don’t you think that’s funny?” Girls are more likely to taunt than physically hurt others. But teasing can also leave bruises. The mean girl never says she is sorry. She is never responsible for her hateful words. She makes the victim think that she’s the problem.

Most girls don’t want to be mean. But it’s easy to get caught up in gossip and name-calling when others are doing it. Mean behavior by girls often peaks in middle school.

Some mean girls are popular. But mean girls often have problems at home and at school. They may not like themselves very much. They really are not very cool! They do have friends. But their friends may be just like them or may be afraid of them.

Teasing can be bad for your mental and physical health. If you are a victim, try to talk to a trusted adult. If you are a bystander, think about your actions. Laughing and giggling when people are being mean is like clapping hands for the bullies. Even saying nothing can give the bullies support. Bullies can’t operate if they don’t have an audience.

Source: "Does reality TV for teens induce bad behavior?" *Cleveland.com*, March 15, 2008.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Most girls aren't really mean. Why do so many girls take part in mean talk?

What happens if bystanders laugh with the bullies?

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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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