

Name:

Day Two

Too Much Drama

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Does bullying come naturally to all humans
- History is full of stories of how powerful people overtook weaker people
- The most respected leaders were often strong individuals
- we know that bullying comes with a steep price
- With more openness about how bullying wrecks lives

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| <input type="checkbox"/> drama | DRAH muh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abused | uh BYOOZD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> naturally | NACH uh ruh lee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> individuals | in dih VIH joo ulz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> openness | OH puhn ness |



Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

someone

putdown

teenage

bystanders

overtook

ringleaders



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Part 2: Last read

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Too much drama! As students move up to middle school, social problems can start. Some students spread rumors, just to feel important. Others talk behind people’s backs and use put-downs to make themselves feel popular. With lots of new students in a grade, people are figuring out where they fit in. “It’s just a lot of drama,” says Kelly, a sixth grader. 63

Bullying is on the rise. By middle school there is a good chance you will be bullied. 80
 Perhaps someone you know is a bully. Teenage bullies may be popular, but they often 95
 have problems at home or at school. The ringleaders in bullying may be students who 110
 have been abused themselves. Bystanders are often afraid of the bullies, so they go 124
 along with the attacks. 128

Does bullying come naturally to all humans? History is full of stories of how 142
 powerful people overtook weaker people and then controlled their lives. The most 154
 respected leaders were often strong individuals who kept others in their place. While 167
 history is full of successful bullies, we know that bullying comes with a steep price. 182
 Victims of bullying feel helpless. They don’t set goals. They live in fear and can 197
 develop very poor feelings about themselves. Victims can be affected for the rest of 211
 their lives. 213

Schools all over the world are taking on bullying. With more openness about how 227
 bullying wrecks lives, there is hope that kids will get together and stand up to bullies. 243

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think bullying happens naturally? Will there always be bullies?

Talk this over with your partner. What does your partner think?
