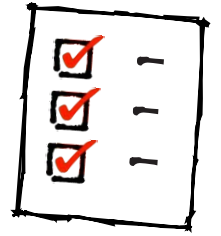


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Day Two

Snitching and Reporting

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Being seen as a snitch can make you very unpopular
- there is a critical difference between snitching
- Meeks argued that someone who sells out another person
- because he holds a grudge against that person
- Peer mediators become aware of problems

- situation sich | oo | **AY** | shuhn
- mediators **MEE** | dee | ay | terz
- potential puh | **TEN** | shuhl
- threaten **THREH** | tin



Decoding practice:

Complete these words from the passage that start with a consonant blend.

pr _____

cr _____

gr _____

thr _____

If you don't know the word already:

- a) Underline and say the single sounds in the blend.
- b) Say the sounds out loud as a blend.
- c) What sounds are in the rest of the word?
- d) Say and write the whole word.



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Snitching and Reporting

Part 2: Last read

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“You should never rat out your friends,” Darius says. Many agree that tattling or snitching is wrong. Being seen as a snitch can make you very unpopular.

Professor Larry Meeks believes there is a difference between snitching and reporting. In a *Los Angeles Daily News* article, Meeks argued that someone who sells out another person to save himself is snitching. Someone who tattles because he holds a grudge against that person is also snitching. But reporting is different. It’s telling people in authority about a situation that can harm others. For example, telling a teacher when somebody at school is planning to cause serious trouble is reporting.

Many students agree with Professor Meeks. They would rather be called a snitch than risk the safety of their friends. James, an eighth-grader at Ringer Middle School, was reported to the principal when he brought a starter pistol to school. Some students thought it was a real gun. Although James didn’t threaten other students, he understood why he was turned in. “If I thought my friends were in danger, I would have done the same thing.”

Some schools set up a system of peer mediators. Students often find it easier to trust each other than adults. Peer mediators become aware of problems that adults might never hear about. If necessary, they can report potential trouble to teachers or the principal.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you thought that a classmate was planning to hurt someone else at school, what would you do?

What does your partner think about this?
