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Day Two

Girl Wars

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- the thrill that comes from hurting others
- Girls are more likely to taunt than physically hurt others
- She is never responsible for her hateful words
- Mean behavior by girls often peaks in middle school
- Teasing can be bad for your mental and physical health
- if they don't have an audience

- taunt **TAWNT**
- physically **FIH** | zih | kuh | lee
- responsible rih | **SPON** | sih | buhl
- caught **KAWT**
- physical **FIZ** | ih | kul
- operate **OP** | er | ayt
- audience **AW** | dee | unss



Decoding practice:

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

thr _____

tr _____

br _____

cl _____

pr _____

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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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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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.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What kinds of mean behavior have you seen yourself?

What kinds of mean behavior has your partner seen?
