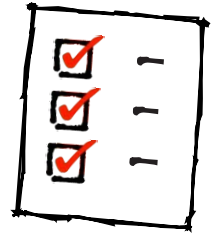


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Day Two

Teasing: Friendly or Mean?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- and slumps down low in her seat
- In all three scenarios
- can pressure someone to do something dangerous
- Teasing often focuses on someone's appearance
- is intended to make a person feel bad
- like Rachel's comments about smoking

- definitely **DEF** | ih | nit | lee
- embarrassed em | **BAIR** | est
- cigarettes **SIG** | uh | rets
- scenarios sih | **NAHR** | ee | ohz
- appearance uh | **PEER** | uhns
- behavior bee | **HAY** | vyur
- ultimately **UL** | tih | mit | lee



Decoding practice:

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

tr _____ dr _____

Tr _____ bl _____

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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Part 2: Last read

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The track team has finished their drills. Gina is the first one to finish the mile. “You win again, girl!” Troya yells. “Those long legs are definitely helping you out!” Gina smiles at her friend’s words. She feels good about being tall and speedy.

The next day, Gina is working on a problem in math class. Suddenly, Tyler calls out, “Hey, down in front! We can’t see over Gina the Giant!” Gina blushes and slumps down low in her seat, embarrassed. 60 75 81

After school, Rachel and Gina walk home together. Rachel pulls out a pack of cigarettes and offers one to Gina, but Gina refuses. “What are you, too good to smoke?” Rachel comments. “Are you afraid your mother might see you?” 95 110 121

In all three scenarios, Gina was being teased. Teasing is making a joke about someone. Teasing often focuses on someone’s appearance or behavior. One expert says there are three kinds of teasing: friendly, mean, and taunting. When Troya teased Gina about being tall, this was friendly teasing. Friendly teasing is playful and makes a person feel accepted for who they are. Mean or hurtful teasing, like Tyler’s comment, is intended to make a person feel bad. Taunting, like Rachel’s comments about smoking, can pressure someone to do something dangerous or stupid. 135 146 159 172 187 200 211 212

Ultimately, only the person being teased can decide whether teasing is friendly or hurtful. Only the person being teased knows for sure how it makes them feel inside. 225 240

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Can you explain the difference between teasing in a friendly way and teasing in a mean way? _____

Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think? _____