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Day Two

When Mean Is Queen

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Take-backs mean you don't take responsibility for your words or actions
- Brothers might kid each other about klutzy behavior
- Bullying involves unequal power
- Bullying also continues over an extended time
- her loyal sidekicks

responsibility rih | spon | sih | **BIL** | uh | tee

status **STAY** | tuss OR **STAH** | tuss

posse **POSS** | ee

threat **THRET**



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word is a smaller word within a longer word, with no endings or other word parts added.

klutzy

cheesy

hurtful

unequal

treatment

friendship



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Part 2: Last read

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“Hey, metal face!” When the victim shows she’s hurt, the bully will respond, “What happened to your sense of humor?” This is called a “take-back.” Take-backs mean you don’t take responsibility for your words or actions.

Many people tease their friends and family members. Brothers might kid each other	51
about klutzy behavior. Girls who are friends can make jokes about each others’	64
cheesy tastes in music. But this kind of teasing isn’t bullying.	75

Bullying is supposed to be hurtful—that’s what it’s all about. Bullying involves	88
unequal power. It isn’t joking among friends who share the same status. Bullying	101
also continues over an extended time. It isn’t just a one-time putdown or a slam.	117

While some think that bullies don’t have many friends, some bullies are at the top of	133
the social ladder. In fact, one kind of female bully, the queen bee, uses putdowns to	149
keep her power as a leader. The queen bee travels with a posse, her loyal sidekicks.	165
Her mean behavior to other girls sends a reward message to her posse. “See, you’re	180
better than these girls I pick on.” But her nasty treatment of others can also serve as	197
a threat. “Step out of line, and you can end up on the victims list.”	212

As the old saying goes, sometimes the worm turns. The queen’s sidekicks may	225
decide they don’t want friendships that are based on hurting other girls. Everyone	238
loses when being mean is queen!	244

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Have you ever stood up to a bully? What happened?

Ask your partner these questions, too. Were your stories almost the same or very different?