

Name:

Day One

Girl-on-Girl Violence

Part 1: Silent read

→ Are girls fighting more? Read silently.

Two girls face each other in their school’s locker room. They give each other hateful looks. Suddenly, one girl attacks. Fists fly. The girls screech, kick, and grab each other’s long hair. There’s a brutal punch. Soon, one girl is on her back, her head slamming against the floor. Her name is Kelly, and she is just 13 years old.

A friend of Kelly’s attacker made a video of the fight and posted it online. A parent who watched the video says, “I was disgusted. Girls today are outrageous!”

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// one minute

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What are some people saying about girls and violence?

What do statistics tell us about girls and fighting?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.