



What Would You Do?

Scenario A:

It's the end of the school day on Friday and all the kids are in the hallway at their lockers. Several kids start to make fun of Jerome. "Wow – look at Jerome, all dressed up and nowhere to go!" "Where'd you get those stylin' clothes, at the discount store?" "Hey Loser, any big plans for the weekend?" As several students pass by, one by one, they shove Jerome hard against his locker.

Scenario B:

In the locker room after gym you hear a lot of shrieking and laughter. Your classmates are spraying Kimberly's open locker with deodorant and perfume, saying "This girl smells so bad she must never wash!" "I thought I would pass out when I had to sit next to her!" "Yeah, it makes me sick to go anywhere near her." Kimberly hides in the bathroom, you hear her crying alone in a stall.

What do you do? Pick as many responses as you think are appropriate.

- Join in the bullying behaviour, after all, everyone is having such a great time!
- Don't do a thing but watch, then pat yourself on the back for not laughing, and not joining in the bullying. What a hero you are for resisting peer pressure!
- Announce, "You should cease and desist from this cruel treatment of a fellow human being. We must strive to respect other people's dignity!"
- Ignore the bullying, because you know that the kids who are bullying just want attention.
- Approach Jerome/Kimberly, and say "I understand how bad you must feel. I know it's hard, but try not to let them get to you."
- Tell the kids who are bullying, "You guys are total losers and complete idiots! You think you're so cool, but you are acting really stupid!"
- Ask a friend to come with you, then approach Jerome/Kimberly and say, "What just happened is not OK. You need to report the bullying. We'll go with you and tell what we saw."
- Tell a trusted teacher or other adult what you saw happen.
- Say to the whole crowd – "Stop it! I know you think its funny, but what you are doing is totally messed up. I am sure you know how it feels to be laughed at. You wouldn't want it to happen to you."
- Ask a friend to back you up because you are going to *stand up*. Loudly say, "Cut it out, this is not a joke. This is bullying and it's wrong."