

# Tease

## Word of the month

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### 1. Tick four horrible things that kids say when they want to tease another kid.

- a. "You smell"                      c. "You're really kind"                      e. "Your clothes aren't trendy"  
b. "You've got no friends"                      d. "You're stupid"                      f. "You've got really nice eyes"

### 2. Bullies do lots of bad things to make other people feel scared and alone. Use a dictionary to help you translate these verbs.

- a. taunt    d. intimidate  
b. gossip    e. harass  
c. spread rumours    f. disrespect

### 3. Work in groups. Do you think this behaviour is ok? Write Yes or No next to each sentence.

- a. Gossiping about people  
b. Pushing people  
c. Spreading rumours about people  
d. Hitting people  
e. Teasing people  
f. Kicking people

**4. All of the behaviours listed in exercise 3 are unacceptable. Tick the 6 things that we can all do to stop all kinds of bullying.**

- a. Don't listen to gossip
- b. Help bullies
- c. Don't take part in any teasing
- d. Tell an adult about bullies
- e. Respect everyone
- f. Never use violence
- g. Spread rumours
- h. Never exclude anyone



## Teacher's Notes

1. Lead into the lesson with a discussion on bullies and bullying in general. Elicit the fact that bullies want to exclude other children, make them feel weak and isolated and have power over them. Emphasise that if we work together in an inclusive environment, we can stamp out bullying.  
Tick a, b, d, e,
2. Definitions
  - a. taunt – schernire
  - b. gossip – spettegolare
  - c. spread rumours – far girare dei pettegolezzi
  - d. intimidate – intimidire
  - e. harass – molestare
  - f. disrespect – mancare di rispetto
3. Work in groups. Is this behaviour ok?
  - a. Gossiping about people NO
  - b. Pushing people NO
  - c. Spreading rumours about people NO
  - d. Hitting people NO
  - e. Teasing people NO
  - f. Kicking people NO
4. Tick the 6 things we can do to stop all kinds of bullying.
  - a. Don't listen to gossip ✓
  - b. Help bullies
  - c. Don't take part in any teasing ✓
  - d. Tell an adult about bullies ✓
  - e. Respect everyone ✓
  - f. Never use violence ✓
  - g. Spread rumours
  - h. Never exclude anyone ✓

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