

Film UK: Have you ever been bullied? – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the short film and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... | to pick on someone | a. | a person with no home, job or money who lives in the street |
| 2..... | a tramp | b. | to make someone feel less confident |
| 3..... | an easy target | c. | to become involved in something |
| 4..... | to skive | d. | to compensate for something |
| 5..... | to get a kick out of something | e. | a person who is easy to laugh at, criticise or do bad things to |
| 6..... | to get drawn into something | f. | to feel enjoyment and stimulation from something |
| 7..... | to knock someone's confidence | g. | to be unkind to someone regularly |
| 8..... | to make up for something | h. | to not go to school when you should (informal) |

1. Check your understanding: multiple selection**Why were they bullied?**

Which four characteristics do the speakers talk about? Tick () all the correct answers.

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| | because he/she was tall |
| | because he/she was an easy target |
| | because he/she was shy |
| ..... | because he/she had blue hair |
| ..... | because he/she wore glasses |
| ..... | for no reason/things that were not true |

Why do bullies bully?

Which five reasons do the speakers give? Tick (☐) all the correct answers.

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| | It's easy to do what the group does. |
| | Someone is different from them. |
| | Someone tells them to be a bully. |
| ..... | It's something to do when they're bored. |
| ..... | It makes them feel better than or more superior to others. |
| ..... | They're jealous. |
| ..... | They're angry. |

How bullying changes your life.

Which six changes do the speakers talk about? Tick (☐) all the correct answers.

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| | It knocks your confidence. |
| | You don't want to go to school. |
| | You might bully other people. |
| ..... | You feel upset all the time. |
| ..... | You want to help others in your situation, e.g. by becoming a therapist. |
| ..... | You laugh about it because it's stupid to bully. |
| ..... | You stop before you say things to others. |
| ..... | You become violent. |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

I mean	you know	kind of
like	like	yeah

Have you ever experienced bullying?

'Oh yeah, definitely, erm, _____ I was bullied a little bit in my earlier high school experience, _____ I had blue hair and _____ I wore the fingerless gloves and everything, so, it ... it's difficult but ... _____, like, I ended up going to therapy for a little while, so _____, I've met a lot of people who have gone through bullying and it's like one of those things you have to _____ help each other out ... _____.'

Discussion

Have you ever experienced bullying?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.