



Topic: Relationships-Peer

Key Question:

Can words be used in such a way as to be a violent act?

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Scenario:

Katelyn and her girlfriends were standing in the school hallway when Jennifer walks towards them. Jennifer is very different from everyone in the school. She is extremely shy, dresses in Goth clothing and makeup and says awkward and weird things and cuts herself. Katelyn “goes off” on Jennifer. She calls her a freak and tells her that no one wants to be around her because she cuts herself. The girls then turn their backs to Jennifer and they walk away.

Discussion questions:

1. Is it ever appropriate to talk to another person in this way?
2. What if they make you uncomfortable and you just want to make them go away?
3. Why do people say cruel or unpleasant things to others? Is it ever appropriate to do so?
4. Is it appropriate to tell a counselor that Jennifer has been cutting herself? Or just let it go?
5. How do these words equal rudeness? Would you want to be talked to in this way?

Correlated TEKS:

ELPS: 1A, 2H, 3G, 3H, 5F, 5G

ELAR: 25B, 25A, 18C, 23B

CCRS, E/LAS IV Listening A

Health 2E, 5C, 5K, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10B, 10D, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11F, 12F

Physical Education 7B, 7E

Social Studies (7th grade) 17B, 23A, 23B

Social Studies (8th grade) 20C, 21B