

***Confessions of a Former Bully-* Ditmas IS 62 Writing Institute Student Responses:**

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In response to Katie's definitions of bullying:

If I were to define someone who bullies I would define it as a cruel person who makes other people cry by telling those bad words about them for example stupid, ugly, fatty. I've seen that other people are being bullied. I've seen it everywhere they fight. Well, kids who bully don't know that all other fingers are pointing at them! People need to stand up for themselves. A life is really important life for you. So don't allow other people in interfere with your life.

Umme Hossian 701

Kids who bully make fun of someone. They think they are better than everyone. I saw a person getting bullied by called names and made fun of also got hit. I saw a person getting bullied by get hit and called dirty names. I saw a science teacher being very mean by embarrassing students through calling out their bad grades. They also insulted the child by asking what kind of "stupid" answer he gave. You can stop getting bullied by standing up for you and telling the kid who is bullying to stop and if they don't then you can tell an adult that you trust a lot. Kids who bully make others miserable. They think they can do whatever they want. They hit. They kick someone on the face. They call peers names like "stupid" and "idiot." They also think they're better than everyone. They also judge people on what clothes styles they display.

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I have been bullied- a personal memoir.

I consider many things bullying action. Such as stealing, bulling and rude or mean words. People get bullied every day from the children to adults. Some kids who bully want to mentally bring others down with them because of their looks, race, or religion. Sometimes children will bully adult like mom and especially teachers because they can't say anything mean back because they may get fired. In the 2nd grade, I was bullied by another student makes paid attention or did work in class. So he forced my head down on a chair and banged it. Then he broke two pairs of my \$200 glasses. I was bullied by my teacher. My teacher would tell my mom I was not passing my ELA class, which made me feel bad inside.

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Children who bully: They call you bad words and offensive words like "idiots, dumb, retarded, and stupid." They push around kids. Sometimes they have more than one group.

Adults who bully: They tell you that you are dumb or stupid if you do something wrong, we're right and you are wrong because you're small and we're adults. They make you feel stupid in front of your friends. Like my cousin's friends said that I "suck at sports....you'll never be able to catch a football."

By Kavin Ramnoroine

In Response to Mrs. Petrowski's Tools for Dealing with Bullies:

The first step may work in certain circumstances such as elementary school because in 7th grade you can't just say "stop", because things get tough. Kids don't let go easily. The second step isn't any help either because it might make them a ruder person. The third step might work, but at the same time if you walk away the person may follow you say more rude things. In my opinion, if you make the remark into a compliment you will use reverse psychology and confuse the person.

- Jafnun Suhrawardhy

I believe the best method to stop a person from bullying is to turn mean comments to a compliment. It shows the bullying person that he/she cannot break you down into tears or make you aggressive or angry.

- Zuha Ahmed

Saying "stop it"- it will not work because they won't listen to you. They will just continue making fun of you.

Saying "Why?" - It will not work because they can't explain why you are what they said.

Walking away-It will not work because if you walk away and don't care what they say, they will get bored and eventually stop bullying you.

Saying "So" and "Whatever"- It will work because this will show the bullying kid that you don't care about what they say.

Changing the subject-It will not work because the kid is bullying you right now, if you change the subject, it will feel awkward and the bully will bully you even more.

Trying to act silly- It will not work because they will laugh at you even more and it is just weird and awkward.

Making it into a compliment- It will work because if you kept on saying "thank you" to what the kid said, the bullying kid will get tired and think it is boring, then, they will stop bullying you.

Saying "yeah" and "it's true"- I will not work because if you kept on admitting it, then, you are entertaining them, making them laugh.

My method is that you should say something that shows you don't care.

- Andy Yong

I think saying stop to a bullying kid in 3rd grade will work because you can scare the kid by telling them you will tell the teacher but in 7th grade for a matter of fact is not going to stop them. This is because when you grow up you are not going to scare them since they are older. You have to look for another solution to solve bullying because saying stop only help in some cases. In today's generation it doesn't work. Now days it is so scary that little kids are doing things that are bad they are bullying. However one thing that you can do is take anything bad the kids says about you as a complement. You can use humor so the kid stops bullying you can say thing about you're oneself-so they can get tired of you. You need to keep your own respect. You have to be confident of yourself.

- Mahnoor Sohail