

# BEAT BULLYING

Bullying is never, ever acceptable under any circumstances. It is revolting, nasty and cruel. There are limitless arguments for this including; it terrifies children and makes them fear school, it adds to personal, emotional burdens and bullying damages people both physically and emotionally. Do you want your children so frightened from bullies that they can't even face going to school?

Firstly, in our schools today there are children who are actually so afraid, that they don't want to go to school because of bullying. Allowing this disgusting behaviour to continue could seriously impact the future of our children and prevent them from learning and becoming successful at life. How could anybody stand by and let this atrocity happen?

Secondly, children today are already dealing with so many burdens. School should provide a safe and positive environment for these young people to escape any stress and anxieties that they are facing at home. Many children are already dealing great emotional hardships and we need to look after them. Banning bullying is the first step that we must take as a society to nurture and protect all children, especially those at risk due to their difficult home life.

Thirdly, kids should never, ever be hurt, physically or mentally. Bullying causes long term scarring that can traumatise a child for the rest of their life. Put yourself in the shoes of the victim and imagine the intense pain and trauma that you would be feeling. We are putting the children of our future at risk of developing serious mental illnesses by allowing this bullying to continue.

In conclusion, no one can deny that bullying must be busted. It's appalling that we haven't fixed this problem yet! We are scaring children away from school, adding to their emotional burdens and causing life-long physical and emotional scars. come together and take a stance against bullying. It is the right thing to do!



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The clues that the heading gives you about the point of view is that they want to beat bullying. This instantly makes you think that the author is against bullying and wants to 'beat' it.

2. The author asks, "How could anybody stand by and let this atrocity happen?" What is purpose of this question?

This question is used to draw the reader in and make them think that they should get involved and do something about bullying, otherwise they are just standing by and letting it happen.

3. What are the author's three main arguments?

The three main arguments that the author uses are; bullying can scare children away from school, it makes school unsafe for children who might already have problems at home and it can cause long term emotional scars and problems.

4. Do you think that bullying is a problem at your school? Explain your answer.

Answers will vary, ensure that students give evidence to support their answer.

5. What is the author trying to do by saying that bullying can be traumatising?

The author has used the word traumatising to make the reader feel emotional and think that bullying is an awful thing that needs to be stopped.

6. Write down 5 important words from this text. Why are important words often repeated?

Answers will vary, ensure that students give evidence to support their answers. Important words are often repeated to reinforce the point of view and to convince the reader.

7. Does the author believe that bullying is just physical? Explain your answer.

The author thinks that bullying is not just physical, it is also emotional. The author believes that bullying can cause emotional issues and lead to mental illnesses and long term emotional scars.

8. Why does the author ask you to "put yourself in the shoes" of the victims?

The author is trying to make the reader feel how the victim would be feeling and is playing on the reader's emotions to make them more likely to agree with the point of view.

9. What persuasive tool is the author using by saying "please come together to take a stance against bullying"?

The author is using inclusive language to make the reader feel like they can be a part of the solution and that they should be doing something about bullying.

10. What actions could you take to reduce bullying in your school?

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