



# Bullying

Conversation > Intermediate 6



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>bullying</b>	The act of hurting, insulting or frightening someone.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He was subjected to <b>bullying</b> at school.</i>

<b>punk</b>	A young person who is rude or violent.
[noun]	<i>Ex: That guy is a <b>punk</b>.</i>

<b>intimidate</b>	To make someone feel threatened.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Don't let the other party <b>intimidate</b> you.</i>

<b>tiny</b>	Very small.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Can you see that <b>tiny</b> bird over there?</i>



<b>lock</b>	To secure, fasten, or seal something with a key.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He <b>locked</b> the door as he left.</i>

<b>silly</b>	Childish, embarrassing, or foolish.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He is fond of wearing <b>silly</b> hats.</i>

<b>prank</b>	A trick played on someone in order to fool, embarrass, or confuse them.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Don't play <b>pranks</b> on anyone because it is not nice.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Dad: You know it isn't kind to bully people, John.

John: Seriously? Even if someone is acting like a punk?

Dad: Yes. It is never okay to intimidate someone. Remember that.

John: Fine, dad. You don't have to tell me twice.

Dad: Also, you should never pick on someone tinier than you because it is unfair.



John: Is it okay to play pranks on people, though?

Dad: Oh, come on! Don't be silly, John.

John: But... Locking younger kids in a closet is very funny.

Dad: Would you think it was funny if someone locked you in a closet?

John: No. I guess you're right. I promise, I will never be a bully, dad.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

Bullying

pranks

tiny

intimidate

silly

lock

punk

1. They always \_\_\_\_\_ the door whenever they leave.
2. Hey! Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_. Give me my phone back!
3. The puppy is \_\_\_\_\_ now, but he will get much bigger.
4. We didn't try to \_\_\_\_\_ them, but they looked nervous.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to serious emotional problems.
6. My cousins always pull \_\_\_\_\_ on their neighbor.
7. She loves telling \_\_\_\_\_ jokes.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** Mike is bullying you in your workplace. Stand up to him and tell him he can't do that anymore. The teacher can be Mike.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Have you ever been bullied? If so, when?
2. Have you ever bullied someone? If so, when?
3. What would you do if someone bullied you right now?
4. What would you do if you saw someone bullying other people?
5. How can we stand up to bullying? Give some examples.