**BULLYING!**

My brother Sam and I moved *(перешли)* to a new secondary school a year ago. At first we hated *(ненавидили)* it because it took us ages to make new friends. For about six months my brother Sam had loads *(много)* of problems. I tried to protect *(защитить)* him, but I don’t know if I did the right thing.  ***I'm writing to ask for some advice .***Let me explain…

Some kids teased *(дразнить)* Sam. ***They said rude things and called him names****(обзывались).* A boy called Jake, who was older than Sam, was the worst bully *(хулиган).* One day last month Sam and his friends were standing in a queue *(очередь)* in a school canteen. Jake met Sam and said him to give him his dinner money.“If you don’t give us the money, I’ll get you after school.” I saw what was happening. ***He was laughing at my brother and suddenly I felt really angry*** *(разозлился).* I pushed *(толкнул)* Jake out of the way. Unfortunately, he fell and hit his head on the wall. Jake was OK, but he hasn’t bothered *(не беспокоил)* Sam since that day, but sometimes I feel bad. ***I'm not usually hurt*** *(не обижаю)* ***people. Was I right or wrong?*** Do you think I am a bully, too?

Dear Mike,

If I were you, I would forget about this. If you fight back *(давать сдачу)* once, it doesn’t make you a bully, I’m sure you’ll agree. ***Bullies usually repeat their behavior - it becomes a habit*** *(привычка)*. To be honest, I disapprove *(не одобряю)* of using violence *(насилие)* to deal with bullies. If you fight you would get into trouble. ***Bullies often get bored if you don’t react, and ignore them. Bullies hate that!***

***Try to tell a friend, a parent or a teacher (school psychologist) about any bullying, so that they can help you.*** Don’t forget that bullies may have problems and need help too. Everyone deals with things differently, but the important lesson is the one you and your brother learned; ***If you believe in yourself, the bullies will soon leave you alone.***

Good luck!

Dan

**FIND THE ANSWERS**

1. Who is a bully?
2. What is bullying?
3. What kind of things are called "bullying"?
4. What should happen to bullies?
5. What should victims do?
6. Abuse, stealing, threatening and blackmail are all forms of bullying. Racism can be called bul­lying. Making someone feel not good or less good about themselves is bullying.
7. The word "bullying" covers different situations: *Name calling, stealing, abuse of any kind are the forms of bullying. There is a clear defini­tion of bullying; "It is an attempt to hurt, threat­en or frighten someone."*
8. A bully is a person who physically or verbally hurts someone. A bully can be a boy, a girl, a man or a woman. A bully usually picks on peo­ple who cannot defend themselves.
9. The victims should talk to someone about how they feel after the bullying. Bullying must be spoken about. Students and teachers should try to prevent bullying. After all prevention is bet­ter than cure.
10. Bullying is wrong and if anyone is bullying they should get punished. There are different levels of bullying and various punishments. A possi­ble "plan" of punishment is: *interview with the teacher, letter home, suspension, exclusion from school*

**SUMMARISE**

This text is about…

Mike told Dan thatt…

Mike was worried that…

Dan advised Mike…

Dan suggested to tell about it to…

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Is Mike a bully? Who is a bully?
2. What is bullying?
3. What has happened to mike and his brother? What kind of things are called "bullying"?
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* Borrow money then won’t pay you back.
* Say nasty things about you for no reason.

*You shouldn’t listen to them because they want to hurt you and it is not true.*

*You shouldn’t get upset, you should try to explain everything to your friends, teacher or school Psychologist.*

*You shouldn’t give them your money, because it is illegal, it is robbery.*

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