

3 A problem shared

1 Vocabulary Behaviour

Complete the dialogue with a word from the box in the correct form.

tell us off ~~mess about~~ bully join in with laugh at

A: I don't like my project group. Everyone
1 messes about and wastes time.

I'm the only one who does any work.

B: Why don't you talk to them?
Tell them how you feel.

A: I've done that, but they just
2 _____ me. They think it's all
a big joke. The teacher always
3 _____ because he thinks we
don't do any work.

B: Oh no! Why don't you tell the teacher what's happening?

A: Because if I do that, they might 4 _____ me. They're all bigger
than me!

B: I know! Come and 5 _____ my group. We need another
team member.



2 Read about the school problems. What problem does each child have?

1 I am feeling really nervous about starting a new school in September. My family is going to move to a new town and I will start my new school in Year 6. I'm frightened because I won't know anyone. Can you give me some advice about making new friends?

Dana, 10

2 I got a really bad result in my maths test last week. It is an important test and I'm not very good at Maths. My mum keeps asking me about the result and I'm too scared to tell her. If I don't tell her soon, my teacher will email her. What should I do?

Max, 11

3 Word study Giving advice and suggestions

Complete the answers (1–5) with a phrase (a–e). Then match the answers with the problems in Activity 2.

a Why don't you ask ...

d How about joining ...

b I think you should visit ...

e If I were you I would be brave ...

c ~~... you could think ...~~

1 Before you tell your mum, C of some ways to improve your Maths grades in the future – then she will know you are trying hard and she probably won't be so angry.

(Problem —)

2 — if some children in your new class can show you around the school? Then you will already know them when you join the class.

(Problem —)

3 — and tell your mum about the result. If you don't tell her yourself, she'll be more angry when she hears the result from the teacher.

(Problem —)

4 If you think in a positive way, then you'll feel better. This is an adventure and the chance to meet new friends! — your new school before you start.

(Problem —)

4 Challenge

Read Ismail's problem and write four possible solutions.

In a few weeks' time I have an important exam. It tests most of the subjects I am studying at the moment. I feel very nervous and I'm sure I'm going to fail! Can you give me some advice about preparing for the exam and feeling less nervous?

Ismail, 11

I think you should ...

Why don't you ... ?