

Grammar & Vocabulary

Read the text below and circle the correct options in italics.

'Sit with us' aims to beat the bullies

It happened to me. When I was thirteen, I started (1) *at / on* a new school. On my first day, when I (2) *arrived / got* to the canteen, I sat down with my lunch. Not one person sat next to me while I (3) *had eaten / was eating*. It was the longest lunch hour of my life.

Natalie Hampton's situation was much worse. She ate lunch on her own for a whole year. Being so alone also meant she had no hiding (4) *place / space* from the school bullies.

However, Natalie didn't give up. Now sixteen, Natalie has invented an app called 'Sit With Us'. The idea is simple. Certain kids act as the app's 'ambassadors' and create an open 'lunch event' (5) *where / which* any student can join. It's a great way of (6) *doing / making* friends with people you don't know.

Because everything happens over a phone, the app doesn't (7) *point out / put off* shy kids from using it. The kids also know that they won't be (8) *embarrassed / embarrassing* because the others will always welcome them to the group.

'Sit with us' was immediately popular with Natalie's fellow students, and she now hopes (9) *to expand / expand* the app to other schools. I certainly wish I (10) *had had / would have* it when I was at school.