

## ***Words Can Work®: When Talking About Bullying***

What is bullying?

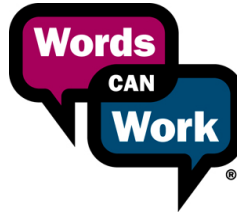
Daniel and Courtney were friends. At what point did Daniel's teasing become hurtful to Courtney?

Why do you think Daniel continued to bully Courtney, even though he could tell by her reaction that it upset her?

If you'd been Daniel's friend, and saw him being mean to Courtney, what do you hope you would have done?

Some of the kids in Breanna's school used technology (cell phones and the internet) to call her names. Explain why this method of bullying - cyber bullying - can be so hurtful.

A lot of people knew Breanna was being bullied - including students not involved in any incidents - but no one defended her. Why do you think some students would hesitate to speak up?



Tré's friends and classmates turned against her. One friend, Simone stood up for her. What do you think this says about Simone's character?

If you were being treated badly by a classmate, what would you want a friend to do about it?

Kevin quit ballet because of bullying, even though ballet helped improve his basketball game. Later, he regretted giving the bullies so much power. Why is it sometimes hard to go against the crowd?

Do you think bullying behavior needs to be taken seriously by teachers and other adults? Whether you answer yes or no, explain why you feel this way.