

THE BULLYING CIRCLE ROLES³

THE STUDENT WHO BULLIES	<p>(I want to bully, start the bullying, and take a leadership role. I can usually get my friends to go along with whatever I say.)</p> <p>"I think (name of bullied student) is so stupid! I was making fun of (his/her) clothes, I said something like: "Hey, you loser! Where'd you get those "cool" clothes? The Loser Store?"</p>
FOLLOWER OR HENCHMAN	<p>(I like the bullying and take part in it. I usually don't start it, but will if my friends encourage me.)</p> <p>"Well, (name of bullied student) ISN'T very cool. I agree with (the person who bullies.) After things got started, I probably said, "Yeah, what's your problem, Geek?"</p>
PASSIVE SUPPORTER (POSSIBLE BULLY)	<p>(I like the bullying but don't show outward signs of support.)</p> <p>"Well, I think it's funny, too. I try to seem innocent enough...I really don't want to get into trouble. I may let the guys know later what happened. Yeah, (name of bullied student) is kinda goofy.... I mean...just look at (him/her!)"</p>
POSSIBLE DEFENDER	<p>(I don't like the bullying and think I should help the bullied student, but I don't do anything.)</p> <p>"This is making me sick. Those kids have NO right to do those things. That poor kid (being bullied) did nothing to deserve that. But.... I really can't say anything. I don't want to be the next person to be bullied. Besides, what could I do anyway?"</p>
STUDENT WHO IS BULLIED	<p>(I am the student who is being bullied.)</p> <p>"Oh, no...here they come again. What are they going to say NOW? I wish I could just disappear. This is just too hard for me..... man, do I hate school."</p>
SUPPORTER (PASSIVE BULLY)	<p>(I support the bullying: I usually laugh and point it out to others, but I don't join in.)</p> <p>"Oh, I really like (names of the people doing and supporting the bullying.) They are soooo cool. I don't usually say anything when they pick on people, but I'm laughing and letting others know what's going on so they can get a laugh, too."</p>
DISENGAGED ONLOOKER	<p>(I don't get involved in the bullying, and try to remove myself...and I don't help the bullied student.)</p> <p>"Hey, this is none of my business. I try not to even notice, and when I do, I pretend not to see it. The less attention I get from those people, the better"</p>
DEFENDER	<p>(I don't like the bullying and try to help the bullied student.)</p> <p>"I can't take it any more. I just have to do something. But what should I do? Hmmm, maybe talk to (him/her) later and say I was sorry it happened. I might even go over there right now..."</p>

³ Olweus Bullying Prevention Program: Bullying Circle Exercise, available at <https://pa02218550.schoolwires.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=36&dataid=521&FileName=18-bullying-circle-exerc.pdf> (last visited Dec 7, 2022).