

## “Bullied”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

*Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.*

Bryan doesn't like going to school anymore.

He is tired of being **bullied**.

Some of the bigger boys at school are mean to him.

They push him to the ground.

They hide his books.

They call him names.

They are bullies.

When things get really bad, Bryan tells his mom he is sick.

“You should stay home and rest,” Mom says. “You'll feel better tomorrow.”

Then Bryan gets to stay home.

He reads books. He watches television. He eats what he wants. He is not scared.

“You should tell someone you are getting **bullied** at school,” says Bryan's best friend, Link.

But Bryan is scared. He doesn't want to tell an adult.

“That will make things worse, Link,” says Bryan. “You don't go to my school. You have no idea how mean these guys can be.”

“You can't keep missing school,” says Link. “Your grades will fall. You will be in trouble at home. And besides, you don't want to be in the seventh grade forever, do you?”

Bryan thinks Link is probably right. He will tell his mom about the bullies today when she gets home from work.

He will see what happens.



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Questions:

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1) Why doesn't Bryan like going to school anymore?

- A. The work is hard.
- B. The kids are mean.
- C. His best friend does not go there.
- D. He wants to read books at home.

2) How might Bryan feel when the kids at school are mean to him?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  angry
- B.  strong
- C.  smart
- D.  scared

3) Who are the bullies in this story?

- A. Bryan and Link
- B. the bigger girls in Bryan's school
- C. the teachers
- D. the bigger boys in Bryan's school

4) What grade is Bryan in?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5) What do the mean kids do to Bryan?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  They call him names.
- B.  They push him to the ground.
- C.  They steal his money.
- D.  They hide his book bag.

6) Why hasn't Bryan's mom helped him?

- A. She is busy at work.
- B. She does not care.
- C. She does not know.
- D. She does not want to.

7) How might Bryan's mom help when Bryan tells her he is being bullied?

- A. She might hurt the mean kids.
- B. She might pack Bryan an extra lunch.
- C. She might talk to the teachers at the school.
- D. She might tell Bryan to stay home sick.

8) What does Bryan do when he stays home from school?

- A. his homework
  - B. plays video games
  - C. gets scared
  - D. reads books
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Questions (continued):

10) Who tells Bryan that he should tell someone?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

10) What is likely to happen if Bryan keeps missing school?

- A. He will get fat.
- B. His grades will fall.
- C. Link will stop being his friend.
- D. The bullies will come to his house.

11) When does Bryan plan to tell his mom about the bullies?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

12) What kind of friend is Link?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  caring
- B.  shy
- C.  helpful
- D.  scared

13) What does it mean to be **bullied** ?

- A. to not have friends at school
- B. to have a lot of work
- C. to have people say and do mean things to you
- D. to not like school

Have you ever been bullied? Do you know someone who has? Explain.

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