

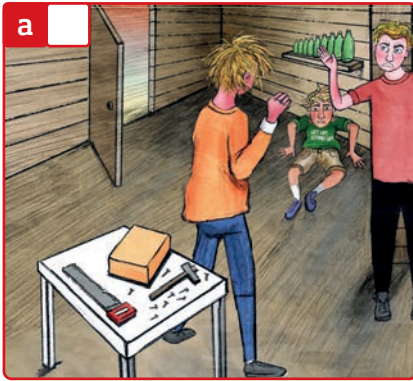
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Before Reading

1 The title of this story is *The Anti-bully Squad*. Read the definitions below. Which picture shows the Anti-bully Squad? Which picture shows the bullies?

- 1 **bully** *n* someone who uses his/her greater strength to hurt or threaten other people
- 2 **squad** *n* a group of people who work as a team



2 Look at the words. Do you associate them with bullying or friendship?

helping playing hitting
listening spitting pushing sharing

Bullying

Friendship

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3 Add one more word to each category above.

Before Reading



1 Look at the pictures of some of the characters in the story. Listen to the descriptions then number the pictures.



2 Answer the questions about you.

a What do you look like?

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b Where are you from?

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c What music do you like?

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d Which sports do you like?

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1 Trouble in the cloakroom



'I hate them! I really hate them!' shouted Tom angrily.

Tara and Ziggy looked at their friend. They couldn't believe it. He was really furious!

'Arjun is OK now,' said Tara, trying to calm Tom down.

Ziggy sighed and looked at the ground. He untied his ponytail and moved his head from side to side. His dreadlocks covered part of his face. The three friends were in the park after school. They were talking about their friend Arjun. Arjun was the youngest in the class and today two bullies pushed him against a locker and hurt him. Arjun fell and cut his head. Now he has five stitches in his forehead.

Heston High School was a nice, peaceful place until Brian and Mark arrived a few months ago. Brian and Mark were bullies and their favourite trouble spot was the school cloakroom. That morning their victim was Arjun, maybe because he was smaller and younger than everyone else in the class.


The teachers knew that there were some bullying incidents at school. But most kids didn't want to report the incidents. So bullying at Heston High wasn't an 'official' problem.

'Brian and Mark must pay!' repeated Tom. He was walking around in circles and hitting the palm of his left hand with his right fist.

'Can't you see? You're behaving like the bullies,' Tara said sadly.

GLOSSARY

- **fist:** 
- **furious:** very angry
- **incidents:** events; things that happen
- **locker:** metal cupboard
- **sighed:** breathed slowly and noisily

- **stitches:** 
- **trouble spot:** place where bad things happen
- **untied:** released
- **victim:** person who suffers because of someone else

Ziggy looked at Tara. He knew Tom very well. Tom wasn't usually violent. On the contrary, he normally resolved problems in a sensible• and civilised• way. Tara hated violence and she didn't like Tom being so angry. Tom hated violence, too. It scared him.

'No, I'm not. I'm not like Brian and Mark,' replied Tom. 'And I'm going to stop them,' he said.

'Bullying is not cool,' said Ziggy, waving his arms like he was dancing.

'We have to tell someone about this,' said Tara. 'Arjun was hurt.'

During the incident Arjun cut his head. As soon as the bullies saw the blood•, they disappeared. Arjun called for help and a teacher came and took him straight to the hospital. But Arjun didn't tell the teacher about the bullies. When the head teacher asked him he simply said, 'I fell and cut my head.'



GLOSSARY

- **blood:** red liquid in people's bodies
- **civilised:** polite
- **sensible:** practical; wise; clever
- **victim:** target of bad actions

After Reading

Vocabulary

1 Use five of the words in the box to complete the sentences.

whistle slim over under shame
coward upset stitches

- a If something is way, it means that it is happening right now.
- b Mark and Brian's faces were red with
- c Arjun fell and cut his head; now he has five in his forehead.
- d The match is over when you hear the final
- e If you are the moon, it means you are very happy.

2 Make three sentences with the words left out in Exercise 1.

3 Complete the word formation table below.



ADJECTIVE	NOUN
SAD	SADNESS
.....	PEACE
SENSIBLE
.....	MENACE
SAFE
.....	SMELL
AFFECTIONATE
.....	WEEK
LUCKY
.....	ANGER
PROUD

After Reading

Cambridge English Exams

K A2 Key English Test Reading and Writing Part 4

1 Read the sentences and choose the best word (1, 2, or 3) for each space.

a Heston High School was a peaceful place Brian and Mark arrived.

- 1** until **2** but **3** unless

b Tom didn't want to Tara by fighting with the bullies.

- 1** help **2** anger **3** upset

c 'First I have to stop the bullies, then Tara is to like me.'

- 1** going **2** messaging **3** texting

d Ziggy and the quads waited for Tom vain.

- 1** for **2** with **3** in

e The police didn't have a witness but there was some

- 1** victims **2** evidence **3** spectators.

f The team won that crucial game and were to the semifinals!

- 1** through **2** winning **3** gone

g Nobody forgot to wash the jerseys.

- 1** must **2** can **3** ever

h The team scored a goal seven minutes the match.

- 1** into **2** before **3** during

i 'I get out of here, but how?'

- 1** don't **2** must **3** never