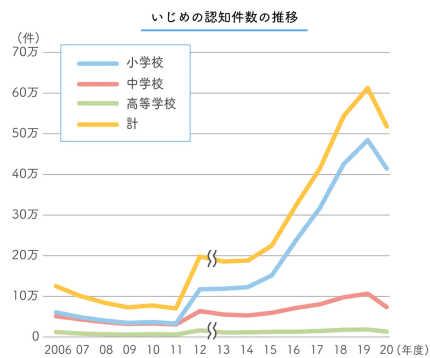




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# How to Talk to a Bully

Mana feels that she is being bullied. Should she say something to the bully?



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It's been two weeks since 15 year-old Mana has started attending her new middle school. Though she still **sits alone** at lunch at school, she has **gotten used to her new school**. If she joins the volleyball team, she hopes she will make some friends.

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However, one day she noticed several things missing from her locker. They weren't valuable things—her Moomin eraser, her BTS pin, a hairpin—so maybe she accidentally dropped them somewhere. But then later that week she saw Sora, the captain of the volleyball team, with her friends and looking and laughing at her while holding up a BTS pin exactly like the one that disappeared from her locker. Then several days later, Sora walked by Mana as she was eating and **deliberately** spilled water on her.

Though the girl wasn't **physically hurting** her, Mana was **upset** by what was happening and was getting stomach aches every morning before school. One day they were alone in the P.E. locker room together. Mana thought about talking to her about her behavior, but then noticed that she looked really upset, and had bruises on her arm and her face—why? And should she talk to her about what has happened so far? If so, what should she say? These questions raced through Mana's mind.

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**Case Assignment Questions:**

1. Is the girl bullying Mana?
2. Why do you think the girl is bothering Mana?
3. For the dialogue you create, what do you think the other girl will say in response?