

A SUMMARY OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

ARTICLE 1 (definition of the child)
Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

ARTICLE 2 (non-discrimination)
The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

ARTICLE 3 (best interests of the child)
The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

ARTICLE 4 (implementation of the Convention)
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

ARTICLE 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities)
Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

ARTICLE 6 (life, survival and development)
Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

ARTICLE 7 (birth registration, name, nationality, care)
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

ARTICLE 8 (protection and preservation of identity)
Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

ARTICLE 9 (separation from parents)
Children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests (for example, if a parent is hurting or neglecting a child). Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this could cause them harm.

ARTICLE 10 (family reunification)
Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

ARTICLE 11 (abduction and non-return of children)
Governments must do everything they can to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives, or being prevented from returning home.

ARTICLE 12 (respect for the views of the child)
Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

ARTICLE 13 (freedom of expression)
Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

ARTICLE 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)
Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

ARTICLE 15 (freedom of association)
Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

ARTICLE 16 (right to privacy)
Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

ARTICLE 17 (access to information from the media)
Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

ARTICLE 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance)
Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

ARTICLE 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)
Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

ARTICLE 20 (children unable to live with their family)
If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child is provided with alternative care that is continuous and respects the child's culture, language and religion.

ARTICLE 21 (adoption)
Governments must oversee the process of adoption to make sure it is safe, lawful and that it prioritises children's best interests. Children should only be adopted outside of their country if they cannot be placed with a family in their own country.

ARTICLE 22 (refugee children)
If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

ARTICLE 23 (children with a disability)
A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

ARTICLE 24 (health and health services)
Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

ARTICLE 25 (review of treatment in care)
If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example, with a foster family or in hospital), they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances.

ARTICLE 26 (social security)
Every child has the right to benefit from social security. Governments must provide social security, including financial support and other benefits, to families in need of assistance.

ARTICLE 27 (adequate standard of living)
Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

ARTICLE 28 (right to education)
Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

ARTICLE 29 (goals of education)
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

ARTICLE 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)
Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

ARTICLE 31 (leisure, play and culture)
Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

ARTICLE 32 (child labour)
Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.

ARTICLE 33 (drug abuse)
Governments must protect children from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.

ARTICLE 34 (sexual exploitation)
Governments must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

ARTICLE 35 (abduction, sale and trafficking)
Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.

ARTICLE 36 (other forms of exploitation)
Governments must protect children from all other forms of exploitation, for example the exploitation of children for political activities, by the media or for medical research.

ARTICLE 37 (inhumane treatment and detention)
Children must not be tortured, sentenced to the death penalty or suffer other cruel or degrading treatment or punishment. Children should be arrested, detained or imprisoned only as a last resort and for the shortest time possible. They must be treated with respect and care, and be able to keep in contact with their family. Children must not be put in prison with adults.

ARTICLE 38 (war and armed conflicts)
Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

ARTICLE 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)
Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.

ARTICLE 40 (juvenile justice)
A child accused or guilty of breaking the law must be treated with dignity and respect. They have the right to legal assistance and a fair trial that takes account of their age. Governments must set a minimum age for children to be tried in a criminal court and manage a justice system that enables children who have been in conflict with the law to reintegrate into society.

ARTICLE 41 (respect for higher national standards)
If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

ARTICLE 42 (knowledge of rights)
Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

The Convention has 54 articles in total. Articles 43-54 are about how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights, including:

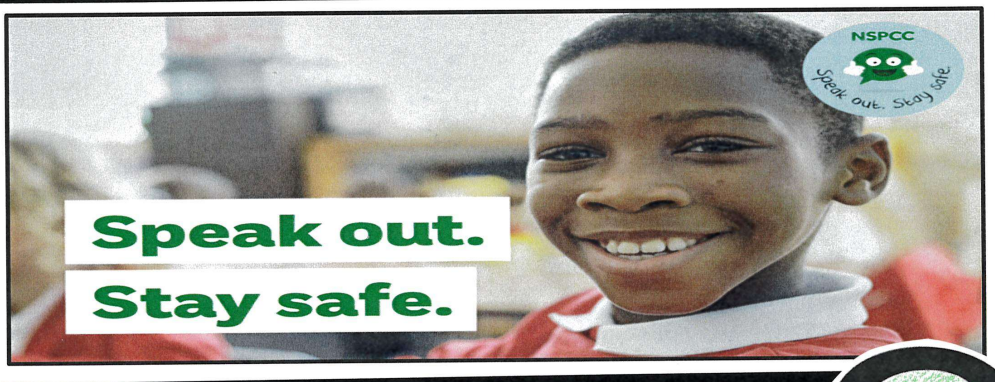
ARTICLE 45
Unicef can provide expert advice and assistance on children's rights.

OPTIONAL PROTOCOLS

There are three agreements, called Optional Protocols, that strengthen the Convention and add further unique rights for children. They are optional because governments that ratify the Convention can decide whether or not to sign up to these Optional Protocols. They are: the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on a complaints mechanism for children (called Communications Procedure).

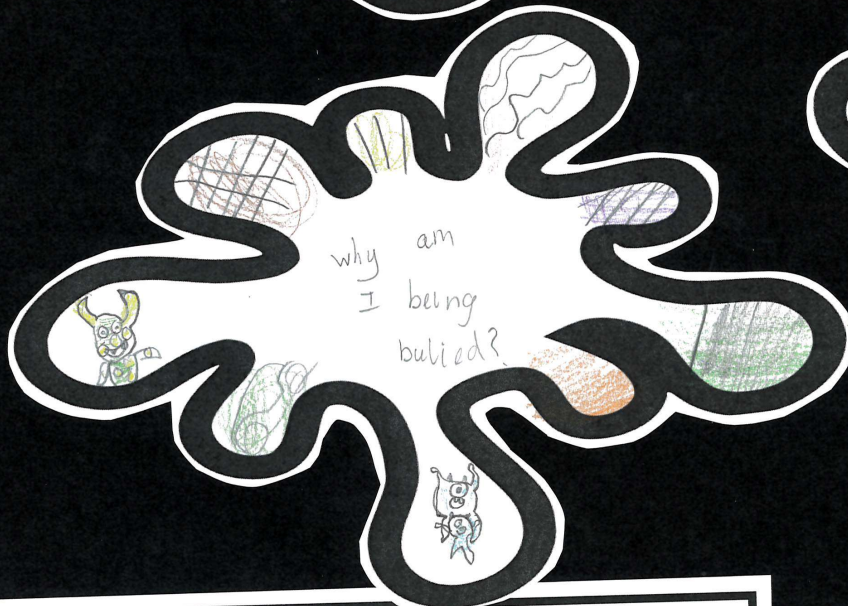
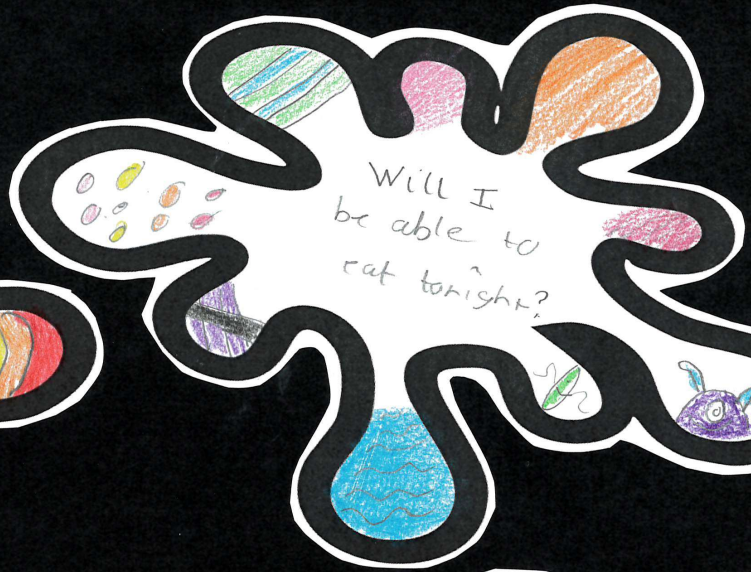
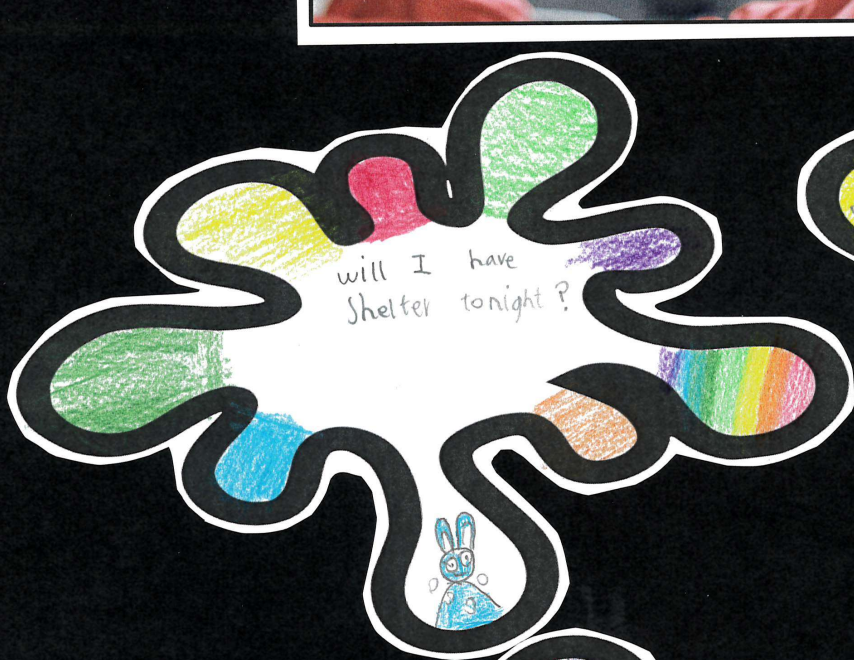
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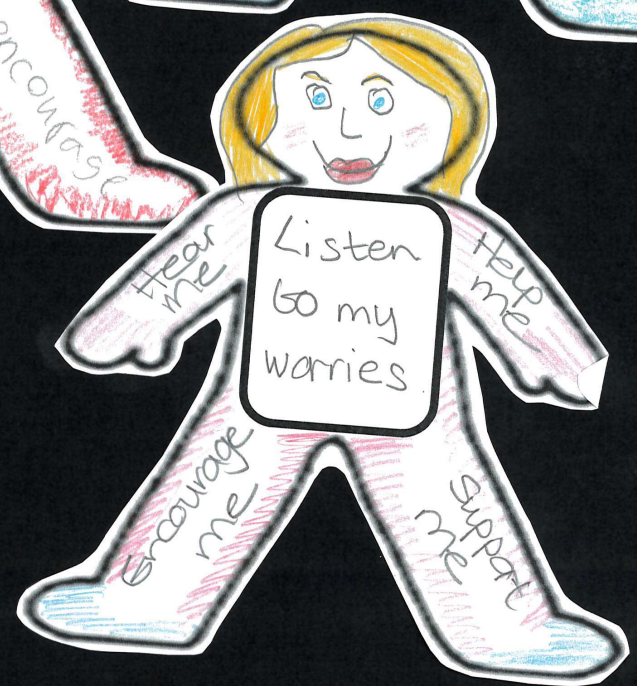
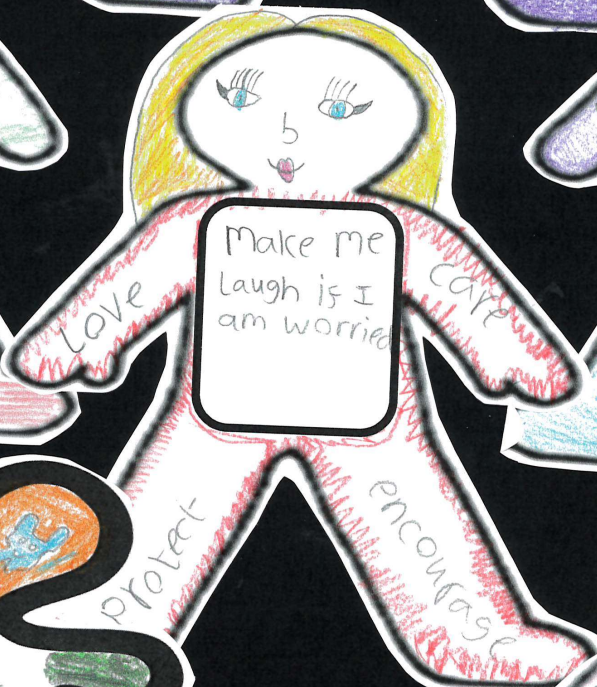
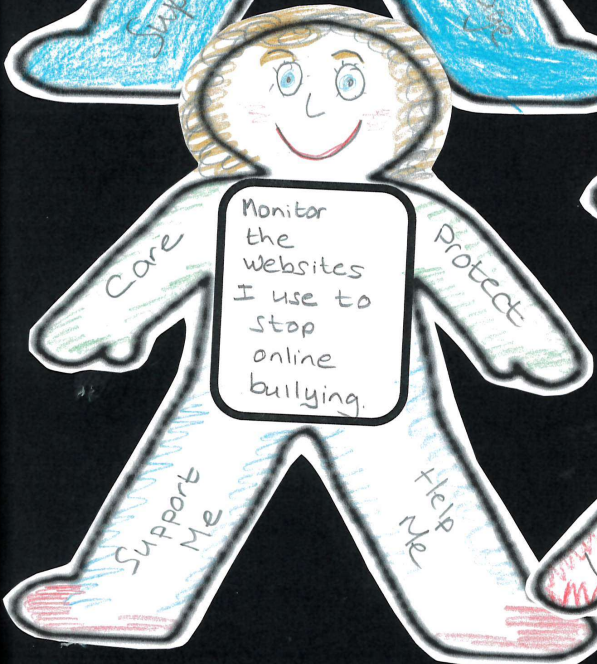
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Stay safe.





Speak out. Stay safe.



The Rights of a Child

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Who are our Duty Bearers?

Who can we speak out to?



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How can a Duty Bearer help you?

If I am worried about my parents paying the bills I could write to the government they have to protect children so they could help my parents by making prices lower this would make me less worried.

How can a Duty Bearer help you?

I am worried about people online. I don't want people saying bad things to me. I could ring childline they could talk to me and give me good advice. They would be there to solve my problems.



How can a Duty Bearer help you?

If I am worried about being cyberbullied online I would talk to Mrs Mavi. She could help me to contact the website and report it. This would make me feel more comfortable.



How can a Duty Bearer help you?

I am worried about why I am being bullied. I think that people make fun of me and that upsets me. I could speak to my sister. She could ask for advice to help me. Childline could help by listening to my worries.



How can a Duty Bearer help you?

If I am worried about someone bullying me at school, I could talk to my teacher. She would keep me safe and speak to the person who is unkind. This would make me feel less worried so that I am happier in school.



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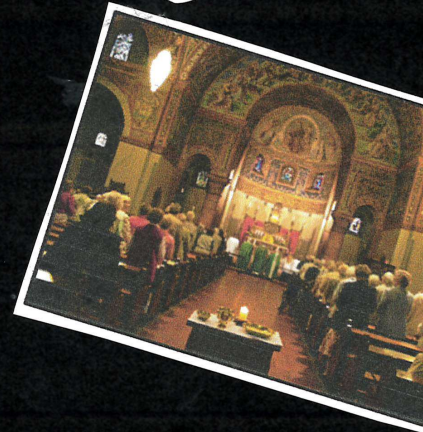
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The Oxford dictionary says that a community is:

'a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.'



What do you like about living in Walsall?

Lots of people are friendly and they help each other. Evie

It is safe in Willenhall. I feel safe walking around. Mia

It has a nice library where we can borrow new books. Sienna

It is nice to have Willenhall park where we can play. Samantha

The Gurdwara is close by that we can go to. De'vere

I have friendly neighbours who are kind. Lyla

It's nice to be close to school. I can walk here. Veeraj

There are lots of shops that are close by where I can go shopping with my mom. Eloise

There are places where we can go for fun like swimming, Dizzy Kidz and there's a cinema in Walsall. Elizabeth



It's nice to have places to have fun like swimming pools, cinemas or fairgrounds.

Towns should be safe. Maybe police officers should walk around to help people.

I think people should be kind to each other and help others when they need help.

Everyone should be treated equally and with respect.

What makes somewhere nice to live?

Towns should be safe and people should not be worried about people hurting them or stealing from them.

Playgrounds are fun and nice to visit.

There should be centres for people to relax or where they can have food so that they are not hungry.

Shops that sell lots of different things. Bigger shops are good.

Nature areas are nice for people to relax and have peace

I like living in Walsall. It is nice here and the people are very friendly. We have nice neighbours who help us.
It can be a bit messy here though because there are not a lot of bins.
I would like to have a train station in town so that I can travel to other towns like Birmingham.

Walsall is a nice place to live. I can go to the shops. It is a safe place to live. I wish that we had a nature area so that I could look at wildlife. People are nice in Willenhall and I think people are treated kindly. I think it would be nice to have a community kitchen where we can give food to people who don't have lots of money.

I like living in Walsall. It has a swimming pool and a cinema that I can go to. I think people are treated equally here and people are kind to each other. I would like a community centre in Willenhall where people can go for a rest if they are ill. I would like somewhere to feed hungry people too.
Elizabeth,

I like going to the library in Willenhall. It is nice to go to the park and play. The school is close to the church so we can visit for worship. I would like to live in a place where people don't steal or hurt others.
Sienna

Its nice in Willenhall. We have a park and there are lots of shops but I wish there were bigger ones.
There is a church where people can worship. Sometimes I have heard people can steal things which is not safe. I would like more bins for people to place rubbish in.
Lily



12. Respect for children's views

Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.

13. Sharing thoughts freely

Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.

14. Freedom of thought and religion

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isolated
Bullying can make us
Hurt
Scared
Lonely
Sad
tears

Bullying is happening when someone:

- ❖ regularly hits you.
- ❖ always says mean words.
- ❖ keeps calling you names.

Lonely
Bullying can make us feel
isolated
sad
tearful
Scared

Bullying can make us feel:

What's wrong
with
me?

Bullying is happening when someone:

- ❖ Regularly says mean words.
- ❖ keep makes fun of you.
- ❖ always leaving you out

Bullying is happening when someone:

- ❖ Keeps hitting you
- ❖ calls you names
- ❖ spreading unkind lies

Bullying can make us feel
Sad
Lonely
Hurt
Left out

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is:

- hurting someone else, on purpose.
- something that happens repeatedly (over and over again).



Different Kinds of Bullying

Physical bullying - includes pushing, shoving, biting, pinching, hitting and kicking. It could be damaging or taking someone's belongings.

It can be easier to spot physical bullying. People might see it happening and it can leave bruises.

Verbal bullying - includes name-calling, saying nasty things about someone, teasing and threats.

It is harder to tell if someone is being verbally bullied. It can be done more secretly

What Is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying - any type of bullying that happens through technological devices, such as mobile phones.

Sending nasty or inappropriate text messages or emails.

Making prank phone calls.

Posting nasty comments or photos on



What is the impact of bullying?

Bullying can make us feel

Sad upset

Bullying can make us feel:

Why am I being
Picked on?

Bullying is happening when:

- ❖ constantly hits you!
- ❖ regularly calls you names!
- ❖ always makes fun of you!

Bullying is happening when:

- ❖ regularly makes fun of you.
- ❖ keeps leaving you out.
- ❖ always spreading mean things.

UPset

Bullying can make us feel

tearful
Sad



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Bullying is happening when someone:

- ❖ always following you
- ❖ keeps threatening you
- ❖ regularly makes fun of you

Bullying is happening when someone:

- ❖ keeps hitting you