



Unit 2 – Welcome to vocational school

Task 06 – Additional text. Read the text and choose the correct opinion to complete the sentences.

A2-B1

Is school life a happy time?

School days should be a very happy time in a teenager's life. But sometimes something can make this time a very miserable time. And that is bullying. Unfortunately, bullying is quite common in schools nowadays. It can affect students of any age, any race, any religion and any sex. A friend of mine had a very negative experience at school last year. Another girl was continually calling her names and even posted nasty messages about her on Facebook. Obviously, my friend felt very sad about this and it affected her self-confidence. Some days, she didn't feel like going to school anymore.

Bullying can have various other forms as well: sending threatening text messages, beating somebody, taking or breaking somebody's things or making someone look silly.

What can we do to stop this growing problem? Personally, I think teachers and fellow students need to be aware that bullying may be happening in their classes and take a zero tolerance attitude towards this crime and support the bullied student. Bullying can be a nightmare but there are things we can do to prevent it. Hopefully, one day all students will be able to go to school without fear of being bullied.

Word bank

miserable: unglücklich
bullying: mobben
unfortunately: leider
common: normal
nowadays: heutzutage
affect: berühren
race: Rasse
call names: beschimpfen
obviously: offensichtlich
self-confidence: Selbstbewusstsein
threatening: bedrohlich
beat: schlagen
make so. look silly: jem. lächerlich machen
be aware: erkennen
zero tolerance: null Toleranz
attitude: Einstellung
towards: entgegen
prevent: verhindern
fear: Furcht

- The writer thinks a person's school life ...
 - is never really happy.
 - is the happiest time in their life.
 - can be made miserable by bullying.
- Bullying is ... in the writer's experience.
 - common
 - rare
 - happening everywhere
- The writer's friend was bullied ...
 - at school
 - online
 - at school and online
- Bullying is ... in the writer's experience.
 - common
 - rare
 - happening everywhere
- The girl who was being bullied had a very ... experience.
 - strange
 - funny
 - bad
- The writer thinks ... could do more about the problem.
 - students
 - teachers
 - parents