

That's What Bullies Do!

A Choral Speaking/Reading Script for Primary Readers By Lois Walker

ANTI-BULLYING PLEDGE:

This script was conceived and written as a way to involve student readers in a campaign to stamp out bullying. The "pledge" referred to in the script is an Anti-bullying Pledge that concerned students are asked to sign. A copy of the pledge can be found at the end of this script and can also be found online at: http://drphil.com/shows/show/115/

FORMATTING:

This script was written as a choral speaking/reading piece and is formatted for 1 NARRATOR, ALL, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS and lines for 2 SOLO READERS. (The Solo Reader lines are optional. Depending on reading abilities, the Narrator might be a teacher or older student).

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM:

To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the entire piece during performance.

NOTE: There are a number of times during the reading when readers **are** asked to clap during performance and these are clearly indicated below.

Example: Clap, clap - clap/clap/clap (Count: one, two, 1/2/3)

VERSE 1

NARRATOR: <u>Pushing</u>, pulling, <u>picking</u> on,

ALL GIRLS: <u>Hitt</u>ing, holding, <u>sitt</u>ing on,

ALL BOYS: <u>Punch</u>ing, poking, <u>spitt</u>ing on,

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

(<u>Clap</u>, clap - <u>clap</u>/clap/clap)

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

VERSE 2

NARRATOR: And <u>some</u>times they in<u>vade</u> your space,

And <u>some</u>times grab...

ALL GIRLS: Your pencil case,

NARRATOR: And <u>leave</u> you feeling...

ALL BOYS: <u>Out</u> of place.

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

(<u>Clap</u>, clap - <u>clap</u>/clap/clap)

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

VERSE 3

NARRATOR: <u>Making fun of, never pleasing,</u>

ALL GIRLS: <u>Taunting</u>, laughing - <u>ev</u>er teasing,

ALL BOYS: <u>Friend</u>ly talk, for<u>ever</u> freezing!

ALL: THAT'S WHAT BULLIES DO!

(Clap, clap - clap/clap/clap)

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

VERSE 4

NARRATOR: And <u>some</u>times they in<u>sult</u> your race

And sometimes rub it...

ALL GIRLS: <u>In</u> your face!

NARRATOR: And <u>leave</u> you feeling...

ALL BOYS: <u>In</u> disgrace.

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>

(Clap, clap - clap/clap/clap)

ALL: <u>THAT'S</u> WHAT BULLIES <u>DO!</u>