



Bullying: Mia's Story



Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.

There was a young student named Mia. She had just started her first year at school and she was excited to make new friends and learn new things.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the class shared her enthusiasm for learning. There were some students who liked to pick on those who were different or weaker than them. Mia was often the target of their bullying.

At first, it started off as small things like name-calling and teasing. But then it got worse. The bullies would talk behind her back and make fun of her in front of everyone else. They even spread rumors about her that weren't true.

Mia didn't know what to do. She wanted to tell somebody about the bullying, but she was scared that if she did, it would make things worse for her. So she kept quiet and tried to ignore the bullies whenever they were around.

One day, Mia's teacher noticed how withdrawn and quiet she had become in class. He called her over and asked her what was wrong. Mia finally found the courage to open up and tell him about the bullying that she had been facing.

The teacher took immediate action and confronted the bullies. He made sure they understood how serious their behavior was, and he put in place more rules so that all students could feel safe in class.

Mia was relieved that something had been done about the problem, but it still took a while for her to get back to feeling like herself again. She started actively participating in class again, and eventually, she even made some new friends who were kinder than the bullies had ever been.

Mia learned an important lesson from this experience: that no one should have to suffer in silence and that bullying should never be tolerated.

1) What problem is Mia experiencing in the story?

2) What was Mia excited about when she started her first year at school?

3) What were some of the bullying behaviors that Mia experienced?

4) How did Mia's teacher respond when he found out about the bullying?

5) What did Mia learn from her bullying experience?
