



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.



Middle School Classroom Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the reasons we don't say something when we know that someone needs help?
2. Does anyone have an example of when you wish someone would have helped you or a friend?
3. Who would you feel comfortable talking to when you need help?
4. What do you think our school can do to create a safer environment for students?
5. What would you like to see happen in our school to keep students safe?
6. Who has seen someone get bullied on the Internet? What would you do if it happened to you?
7. Why do you think people can be so cruel online?
8. Would you download an app, like [ReThink](http://www.rethinkwords.com) (www.rethinkwords.com) that provides an alert mechanism encouraging you to rethink your decision to post a mean/hurtful message on social media? Why or why not?
9. Why it is important to be careful what you put in electronic messages?
10. What can you do to increase your own safety when using the Internet?
11. How would you respond if you heard someone make a threat to hurt someone else at school?
12. What are some behaviors that you know other students are involved in – that you didn't think were that big of a deal until you heard about it today?
 - a. Why do you think it is important for you to speak-up and help them make different choices?
 - b. What would you say to that person if they were sitting next to you right now?
 - c. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to say those things to each other?
13. How does keeping our school safe affect academics/grades? Why is that important?
14. How would you explain when to use OK2SAY to your younger sibling, cousin, or friend?