

EMB Talking Cards – Instructions

Objective

The EMB Talking Cards function as discussion starters in the classroom. The aim of the activity is to help students explore their ideas about bullying and how to deal with bullying situations both as bystanders and as victims. The teacher should emphasize the importance of being respectful to the responses given by the other students and that it's allowed to have different opinions and solutions to the statements or cases. By listening carefully to other students' views and opinions and building on each other's ideas the discussion group might collaboratively come up with good solutions to bullying problems.

Recommended age

13+

Duration

30 -45 minutes (depending on how much time you want to devote to this activity)

Materials needed

A deck of cards for each group consisting of four players

A set of discussion sheets for each group (spades, hearts, clubs and diamonds)

How to play

Divide the class into groups of four students. Each group needs a deck of cards and a copy of the discussion sheets (spades, hearts, clubs and diamonds). Each player is given a different discussion sheet.

Place the deck of cards face down on the table and students take turns picking up the top card and saying it aloud (e.g. Eight of Spades). The student who has the corresponding question to that card on their discussion sheet reads it out and the student who picked up the corresponding card starts the discussion. The other players are invited to take part in the discussion and give their view on the subject.