What is bullying?

Jillian recently moved to Lincoln Heights and just finished her first week at the local middle school. At 5 feet 8 inches, she towered over most of the students in her seventh grade class. While looking for a place to sit during lunch, another student called to her, “Hey, shorty, there’s a spot over here!” Sonia paused for a moment and another girl from the group waved her over. “Don’t pay attention to her,” she told Sonia. “That’s just the way we talk to each other. They call me Einstein because I got all Cs on my last report card.” Harmless teasing or hurtful language? Why?

"bully" versus "bullying behavior"

For years, John has made fun of his best friend, Dave’s, peanut butter obsession. “You’d eat my gym sock if it was covered in peanut butter,” he once told Dave. One day in science lab, the students designed mazes to test the intelligence of white mice. When the teacher told the class that they would be baiting the mazes with peanut butter, John called out, “Better be careful— Dave might get to the end of the maze before the mice!” The other students broke out in laughter. Harmless teasing or hurtful language? Why?

If you are at home, or away from school, can it still be considered bullying?

What is cyber bullying?
Cyberbullying: Bullying through Internet applications and technologies such as instant messaging (IM), social networking sites, and cell phones.
It can start easily—with a rumor, a photo, or a forwarded message—and just as easily spiral out of control.
An embarrassing video posted to a social networking site by someone in Kansas tonight may be watched by someone in Japan tomorrow.
Cyberbullying victims may be targeted anywhere, at any time.

What is a bystander?

Who should you report it to?

How Would You Respond?

I believe that everyone has the right to live and learn in a community where they feel safe, valued, and accepted, regardless of differences.
I pledge to be respectful of others and stand up against bullying whenever and wherever I see it.

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