

Words Can Hurt

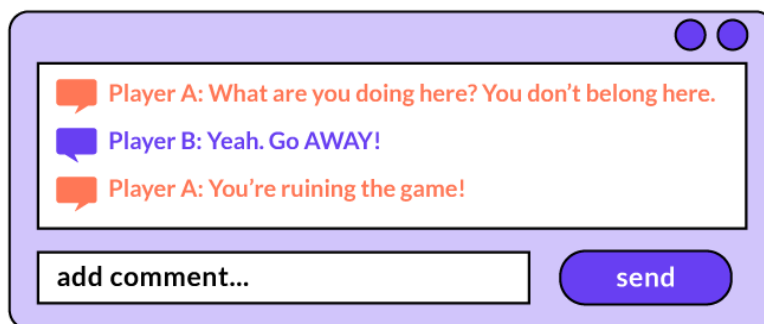
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Directions

Read the story below and then work with a partner to answer the questions that follow.

Rani loves a website where she can play in a virtual world and chat with other players. Lately, Rani has been playing in a new area. She started receiving some mean messages from the other players.



1. How would you feel if you were Rani reading those messages? *I would feel ...*

I would feel badly. It would make me sad and like I wasn't welcome to play the game anymore.

2. Why do you think people send these kinds of messages to people they don't know? *People send these kinds of messages because ...*

People send these kinds of messages because they're trying to make a joke or because they feel badly themselves and want to take it out on others.

3. What advice would you give Rani to respond to this situation? Remember S-T-O-P.

- *She could stop playing the game.*
- *She could tell a parent or another trusted adult.*
- *She could report the other players to the game.*

