

# Cliques Are Hurtful

We all want to feel like we belong to a group. We need to feel included, loved and accepted by our friends. Sometimes a group of friends can change from a group that includes everyone into a group that becomes closed off, exclusive and mean spirited. This is called a clique (*pronounced click*).

**Below are some statements.**  
**Circle the statement that illustrates friendship in yellow.**  
**Circle the statement that illustrates a clique in red.**



1. I like your new shoes.
2. Only people on the Timberwolves can play soccer at lunch.
3. "Don't talk to Jamar. He isn't in our class!"
4. Let's go play at the park after school.
5. Marianne doesn't have the backpack we all like. Let's not hang out with her.
6. Let's invite the new girl to play with us during recess.
7. It's so fun hanging out together!
8. Only the girls on the cheer team can come to the sleepover.
9. Cameron invited everyone from his class to his birthday party.
10. Alan told Marcus and Eli not to talk to William because he doesn't like to play football at recess.

It is natural for people to want to be part of a group. Explain how you might feel if you were excluded from a group.

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