

YOUR CALL:

IS IT TATTLING OR TELLING?

Each of the following statements tells a story. In each case, would reporting what you witnessed be tattling or telling? Why?

Remember, **tattling** is getting others in trouble and **telling** is helping keep others safe and out of trouble.

1. I saw Jerome tear the strap on Lori's bag.
2. Luis kept making faces at Jessica instead of doing his work.
3. I heard Rhonda tell Tina she didn't like her coat.
4. James said he's going to punch Stuart after school.
5. During recess, André pushed Davon really hard and made him fall to the ground.
6. Maggie rolled her eyes when Keisha walked past her desk.
7. Nyla scratched Isabella on the arm because she wouldn't give her the ball.
8. I saw William take a classmate's cell phone and slip it into his backpack.
9. John refused to pick Renée to be on his team for kickball.
10. At lunch, Melody showed us a cigarette lighter that was hidden in her lunch box.

(Turn the page for answers)





ANSWERS

1. Telling: Jerome is damaging Lori's property.
2. Tattling: Luis is not hurting Jessica by making faces at her.
3. Tattling: It wasn't nice of her to say, but Rhonda is not hurting Tina.
4. Telling: Stuart could get hurt and an adult needs to know.
5. Telling: Davon was pushed to the ground and could have been hurt.
6. Tattling: Maggie isn't hurting Keisha by rolling her eyes at her.
7. Telling: Nyla hurt Isabella by scratching her.
8. Telling: William is stealing something from someone.
9. Tattling: John did not hurt Renée, although she may be upset about not being picked.
10. Telling: A cigarette lighter can cause a fire and many people could be hurt.

