

Lesson 2: Peer Pressures



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Peer Pressure - the pressure that you feel to behave in a certain way because your friends or people in your group expect it.</p>	<p><i>There is tremendous peer pressure among teenagers to dress a certain way.</i></p>
<p>Classmate - someone who is in the same class as you in school.</p>	<p><i>Trish is taller than most of her classmates.</i></p>
<p>Doubt - a feeling of not knowing what to believe or what to do, or the condition of being uncertain.</p>	<p><i>If you have any doubts about her ability, don't hire her.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

I am lonely without them

Mom: Clarissa, what is happening with you? Your grades are going down.

Clarissa: Nothing's wrong with me, mom! My classes now are getting more difficult.

Mom: In that case you have to study more, dear.

Clarissa: That is why I have to go to my classmate's house to study.

Mom: No, dear you have to stay here at home and I will help study.

Clarissa: No, mom! I have to go to my classmate's house because we need to work on our project too.

Mom: But I think you have to....

Clarissa: I said no! Can't you understand that we have to do a lot of things for school.

Mom: Ok I understand, let me talk to your classmate.

Clarissa: Mom, you don't have to. She is busy right now. She is preparing the stuff we need.

Mom: You know what Clarissa, you are making me have doubts about what you're up to. One of these days I will need to visit your school and talk to your teacher.

Clarissa: Fine! I will go now, I will be home late.

Mom: Young lady! Be back before 9PM, understood?

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is peer pressure?
 - a. a feeling of being exhausted of spending time with friends
 - b. the pressure from you friends that you feel to behave in a certain way
 - c. behavior used to earn another's favor
2. What is a classmate?
 - a. your friendly neighbor
 - b. someone who is in the same class as you in school
 - c. someone you can talk with
3. What is doubt?
 - a. thoughts about the future
 - b. a cause for strict behavior
 - c. a feeling of not knowing what to believe or what to do
4. Why are some kids vulnerable to peer pressure?
5. How can you counteract the peer pressure your child feels?