Questions for Stop Bullying Now! Webisodes

Bracketed text indicates the "narrator's" answers to each response.

Episode #1 [Narrator: Mr. Bittner]

Question #1: Why do you think K.B. didn't want to go to school?

- A) It was her very first day at a new school, and she probably was scared because she didn't know anybody. [You're probably right! Have you ever been the "new kid" at school or on a team? Do you remember feeling "butterflies" in your stomach? Did someone make you feel less scared? Is there someone at school who you could help out? Are there any other good answers?]
- B) She had to wear clothes that weren't very cool, and she was afraid of what the other students might think of her. [Yup. Have you ever worried about kids making fun of clothing that you wore? Are there any other good answers?]
- C) She hated science and wasn't looking forward to science class. [No way! K.B. LOVED my Science Camp over the summer and she seemed really excited when she saw me again.]

Question #2: Why didn't K.B. just refuse to wear the new clothes that her mother had bought for her?

- A) Maybe she decided that the clothes weren't so bad after all. [I kind of doubt it.]
- B) She thought that would hurt her mom's feelings. [I agree. Her mom bought the clothes as a special surprise for K.B. and might have felt bad if K.B. refused the gift. Are there any other good answers?]
- C) K.B. probably didn't have any better clothes. [Probably. It sounds as if K.B.'s mom bought her a whole closet of clothes that weren't too stylish. Have you ever had kids make fun of your clothes or the way you looked? Why did they do that? How did it make you feel? Are there any other good answers to this question?]

Question #3: Why did I call K.B. "Fluffernutter"?

- A) I was making fun of her name. [Of course not! I would never make fun of a student. Try again.]
- B) I made a mistake in trying to pronounce her name. [Yup. K.B.'s last name-"Floofinatta"--is pretty hard to pronounce. I goofed. Sorry K.B.!]
- C) I mixed her up with another student whose last name was "Fluffernutter". [In all my years of teaching I've never met a student with the last name "Fluffernutter." Try again.]

Question #4: Why do you think Cassandra called K.B. a "freak"?

- A) K.B. bumped into her. [Maybe. That's a pretty poor reason to call someone a name, isn't it? Are there any other good answers?]
- B) Cassandra was just kidding. [I don't think so. It didn't sound like friendly teasing to me. Try again.]
- C) She was making fun of K.B.'s clothes. [I agree. That was pretty mean, wasn't it? How would you have felt if you were K.B.? Have you heard anyone call another person a mean name? What could you do to stop it?]

Question #5: I was angry when Cassandra called K.B. a "freak". The door closed before you could see what happened next, however. What do you think I did about Cassandra's mean comment and the class' reaction?

- A) Nothing. [Absolutely not; teachers want to put a stop to school bullying too! Try another answer.]
- B) I talked with Cassandra after class about her mean comment. [I certainly did! I also told Cassandra that I'd be watching to make sure she didn't pick on K.B. again. Are there any other good answers?]
- C) I told the class to stop laughing. [Yes, I did. I told them that there was nothing funny about that and to cut it out. Are there any other good answers?]

Question #6: How do you think K.B. could have handled Cassandra's rude comments?

- A) Talked back to Cassandra in her same, rude tone. [Not a very good idea. First, trading one mean comment for another doesn't solve anything. Second, she could get in trouble if she said something mean in front of an adult at school. Third, it probably would just make things worse with Cassandra.]
- B) Talked with her mom, me, or another adult at school. [K.B. could have talked to me or her mom. Both of us would want to listen and help.]
- C) Nothing—It's best to keep quiet. [I don't think this will work very well. If K.B. doesn't talk with anyone about it, she'll probably keep feeling bad, and Cassandra will probably keep bullying her. Are there any other good answers?]

Episode #2 [Narrator: Raven]

Question #1: What is Milton Weems' big dream?

- A) To be part of Brick's gang. [I doubt it. I wouldn't want to hang out with Brick, would you?]
- B) To be a tuba rock star! [Right. And he'll probably be the first one!]
- C) Not to be picked on by Brick and his friends anymore. [I'm sure he wants them to quit bullying him, wouldn't you? Are there any other good answers?]

Question #2: How did Srta. Ortega react when Milton said he'd been picked on by some guys in school?

- A) She was upset and said she'd look into it. [Right. What else did she tell him?]
- B) She told him he just had to stick up for himself. [No way!. That wouldn't be very helpful, would it? Try again.]
- C) She told him that nobody deserves to be bullied. [Right. And Srta. Ortega is absolutely correct.]

Question #3: How many different ways was Milton bullied today at school?

- A) One. He was shoved by Brick and his friends. [Is that all? Look again.]
- B) Two. He was shoved by Brick and his friends and hit with mud. [Any other ways?]
- C) At least three. He was shoved, hit with mud, AND teased. [Right. And that was just today! What are some other ways that kids bully each other?]

Question #4: If Milton tries to keep ignoring Brick, do you think the bullying will stop?

- A) Probably [Maybe...but I doubt it. It looks like Milton has been bullied a long time by Brick and his friends, so I think it's going to take something more to stop it.]
- B) Probably not [Right. Sometimes trying to ignore a bully will work, but usually the bullying just continues. In Milton's case, it looks like the bullying has been going on a long time. He did the right thing in talking to Sra. Ortega.]

Question #5: What do you think Srta. Ortega should do to help Milton?

- A) She should talk with Milton's parents about the bullying. [This is probably a good idea. How do you think Milton would feel about that? What else might she do?]
- B) She should keep encouraging Milton with his tuba playing, since that makes him happy. [I agree. Milton seems to really like hanging out with Srta. Ortega. What else should she do?]
- C) She should talk with the principal or other teachers at school and make sure that an adult talks with Brick and his buddies about their bullying Milton. [Yes. Often, this is the best way to stop bullying. How do you think Milton would feel about this? How could Srta. Ortega do this without making it worse for Milton? What else should Srta. Ortega do?]

Episode #3 [Narrator: Coach Cruncher]

Question #1: Why do you think that Josh was surprised that Brick was so nice to him?

- A) Brick bullies a lot of kids. [Yup, and I have a feeling that Josh may have been bullied when he was younger.)
- B) Josh and Brick had never been friends. [I agree. Why else?]
- C) He didn't think Brick knew his name. [Maybe...but what might be a better answer?]

Question #2: Why do you think most kids are scared of Brick?

- A) He's pretty big and mean. [I agree. Why else?]
- B) He has a couple of thugs for friends. [Right. Kids who bully often have a group of friends that tag along. Brick probably wouldn't be as scary without his group backing him up.]
- C) Because he's good at sports. [Not really. Josh is good at sports and no one is afraid of him.]

Question #3: Are kids who bully always bigger than other kids?

- A) Yes [Well...often boys who bully are bigger or stronger than other kids, but this isn't ALWAYS true. Just look at Koz (Brick and Snoog's buddy). He bullies Milton and he's much smaller than most of the other kids.]
- B) No [Right. Often boys who bully are bigger or stronger than other kids, but this isn't ALWAYS true. Just look at Koz (Brick and Snoog's buddy). He bullies Milton and he's much smaller than most of the other kids.]

Episode #4 [Narrator: K.B.]

Question #1: Why did Melanie tell Cassandra that she was talking to "nobody" when she actually was talking to Raven and Lasa?

- A) She forgot who she was talking to. [I don't think so. Try again.]
- B) She was afraid that Cassandra would be mad that she was talking to them. [Right. What kind of friend do you think Cassandra is to Melanie? How do you think Melanie feels about the situation?]
- C) Melanie thought it would be fun to make fun of Lasa and Raven. [I don't think so. Melanie seems like she feels bad about insulting her friends.]

Question #2: What do you think Melanie should have done when Cassandra saw her talking to her friends, Lasa and Raven?

- A) Introduce Cassandra to them as "my old friends" [Hmmm. That might hurt Lasa's and Raven's feelings. What else could she have done?]
- B) Pretend she didn't know Cassandra [I don't think that would have worked very well. What else might she have done?]
- C) Tell Cassandra that Raven and Lasa are her friends, too. [This seems like the best answer. How hard do you think that would be for Melanie to do? Why?]

Question #3: Why do you think that Bibi and Mimi had nightmares about Cassandra?

- A) They were afraid that Cassandra would kick them out of her group of friends if they dressed wrong or had a bad hair day. [Exactly. Some friend, huh? True friends like you for who you are.]
- B) They can't stand Cassandra. [No. They seem to be happy to be in her group.]
- C) Maybe they ate pizza right before they went to sleep. [I doubt it. Try again.]

Question #4: What do you think of Melanie's new group of friends: Bibi, Mimi, and Cassandra?

- A) They're pretty cool. [Really? They seem kind of mean to me.]
- B) I'd find some new friends. [Me, too! Or I'd make up with Raven and Lasa!]

Episode #5 [Narrator: Josh]

Question #1: Why did K.B. tell her mother that her day at school was "just great"?

- A) She didn't want her mom to worry about her. [I agree.]
- B) It <u>was</u> a great day, because she was excited to see Mr. Bittner. [I don't think so...but seeing Mr. Bittner may have been the one good thing in her day!]
- C) She probably thought her mom would get mad if she said she had a bad day. [I doubt it. Her mom probably would be upset and concerned. She definitely wouldn't be mad at K.B.]

Question #2: What might be a better way for K.B. to answer her mom's question about her day?

- A) Tell her mom she doesn't want to talk about it. [That probably won't make K.B. feel any better. Her mom also won't know what to think. Are there any other good answers?]
- B) Lie and tell her mom that she made new friends so her mom isn't worried about her. [Hmmm. I don't think that's going to help K.B. any. Plus, her mom probably will find out that it isn't true.]
- C) Tell her mom what really happened on her first day. [I think this is the best answer. K.B. probably will feel better just talking about her horrible day. Her mom seems really caring and may have some good ideas about how to help K.B. at the new school.]

Question #3: If you were K.B., what would have been the worst part of your day?

- A) When Cassandra dissed her in front of the science class. [That <u>was</u> pretty bad—especially since the whole class laughed at her.]
- B) When Cassandra and her friends wouldn't make room for her at the lunch table. [That must have been really hard on K.B. Has this ever happened to you or anyone you know?]
- C) When Cassandra pulled the ketchup joke on K.B. and everyone laughed at her. [She looked really embarrassed, didn't she?]
- D) When she found the "teachers pet" sign on her locker. [Yeah. Especially since this was at the end of a long day of being bullied.]
- E) It's hard to say...It was <u>all</u> pretty horrible. [I agree!]

Question #4: Did Melanie bully K.B.?

- A) Yes [Although she wasn't as mean as Cassandra, Bibi, or Mimi, she <u>did</u> join in some of the bullying. For example, she helped to make sure that K.B. didn't sit with them at the lunch table, and she laughed at K.B. when she found the "teachers pet" sign on the locker. On the other hand...she did look kind of upset when K.B. sat on the ketchup packet. What could Melanie have done to make sure she helped and didn't hurt K.B.?]
- B) No [Hmmm. I don't think I agree. Although she did look kind of upset about K.B. sitting on the ketchup packets, Melanie <u>did</u> join in some of the bullying. For example, she helped to make sure that K.B. didn't sit with them at the lunch table, and she laughed at K.B. when she found the "teachers pet" sign on the locker. What could Melanie have done to make sure she helped and didn't hurt K.B.?]

Question #5: Why do you think Melanie didn't laugh when K.B. sat on the ketchup packets in the lunch room?

- A) Maybe she didn't see it happen. [Take a look again. She saw it happen, alright.]
- B) She thought she'd get in trouble. [Maybe...but I think there's a better answer.]
- C) She thought Cassandra and the other girls had gone too far in picking on K.B. [I think you're right. So what should she do about it?]

Episode #6 [Narrator: Lasa]

Question #1: If you were Josh and watched a group of kids stomp on someone's lunch, what could you do to help?

- A) Not much. I'd be out-numbered. [You might be outnumbered. But I'm guessing that the other students at school don't really like how Brick acts, so you might have some other students who could help you out.]
- B) I could throw food at Brick. Maybe other kids would join in. [NOT a good idea. Then you'd just get in trouble for starting a food fight!]
- C) I could tell Brick to cut it out. [Good, although that might be kind of hard. What would you say to Brick?]
- D) Raven and I could tell some others about what we saw happening. [That's probably a good idea. Who would you tell? Other students? Adults at school?]

Question #2: How much courage do you think it would take for Josh to stand up for Milton while Brick and his gang are squashing Milton's lunch?

- A) Not much. It's no big deal. [Hello? Brick seems pretty scary, and Josh looks worried to me. I think it would take a lot of guts, but I have the feeling that Josh can handle it.]
- B) A lot. [I agree. Especially since the whole cafeteria might be watching. If it's too scary to do something to stop bullying while it is happening, you can always do something like tell an adult about it later. Take a look at Question #3.]

Question #3: What about after Brick and the gang leave? What could Josh and Raven do to help Milton?

- A) They could help him clean up his squashed lunch. [Good idea. What else could they do?]
- B) They could ask Milton to sit with them. [Yeah. What do you think Milton would say if he was invited to eat lunch with them? What else could they do?]
- C) They could tell Milton that they don't think it's right that he's being picked on. [Uh-huh. If you were Milton, would that make you feel better? What else could they do?]
- D) They could tell an adult. [Yup. That is a very good idea.]

Question #4: What does Josh mean when he says he was "suffering from an attack of deja-vu?"

- A) Deja-vu is an illness caused by eating cafeteria food. [Huh? Try again.]
- B) He had a "flash-back" and remembered how he had been bullied when he was younger—just like Milton. [Yup. Not a fun memory, huh?]
- C) He has a crush on Raven. [He does seem to like Raven...but that's probably not what was bothering him. Try another answer.]

Episode #7 [Narrator: Raven]

Question #1: Cassandra was up to no good on the soccer field. What two mean things did she do to her teammate, K.B.?

- A) She stole the ball away from K.B. just as K.B. was about to kick it. [Yup. What else did she do?]
- B) She tripped K.B. and sent her flying into the mud. [Right. Really nice, huh? What else did Cassandra do to K.B.?]
- C) She stole K.B.'s lucky socks. [No, but she may get around to doing that tomorrow!]

Question #2: Why do you think Coach Cruncher didn't tell Cassandra to stop picking on K.B.?

- A) He doesn't like K.B. [I don't think so. Try another answer.]
- B) Coach Cruncher probably didn't see the mean things that Cassandra did to K.B. [I agree. Cassandra was pretty sneaky. Sometimes it is hard for adults to spot bullying, so it is best if you bring it to their attention.]
- C) He doesn't care who's picking on whom, as long as the team wins. [He does want the team to win, but I know Coach Cruncher, and I don't think he'd be very happy if he knew what Cassandra was up to.]

Question #3: Besides K.B., who do you think was feeling pretty bad at the end of soccer tryouts?

- A) Coach Cruncher—he's worried that he'll have a bad team this year. [Hmmm. I don't think so. Try again.]
- B) Mimi—She's probably still worried about the stain on her shirt. [Maybe...but try another answer.]
- C) Melanie—She wasn't thrilled about Cassandra picking on K.B. [I agree. How could you tell?]

Question #4: What could K.B. have done about Cassandra's behavior on the soccer field?

- A) She could have fought back by tripping Cassandra when Coach Cruncher wasn't looking. [Not a good idea. Besides, I know Cassandra...and that would have made things worse.]
- B) She could have stopped the game and explained to Coach Cruncher what Cassandra did to her. [Yes, although it might be tough to do this smack in the middle of the try-outs. What else could K.B. have done?]
- C) She could have waited until after practice and then talked with Coach Cruncher about Cassandra. [I think this is a good strategy. What else could K.B. have done?]
- D) She could have told her Mom later about what happened and asked her advice about what to do. [I agree. Her Mom seems pretty understanding. What else could K.B. have done?]

Question #5. Let's say K.B. decided to talk with Coach Cruncher after the game about Cassandra's behavior. What do you think she should say?

- A) "Coach, Cassandra is a real jerk. You just <u>can't</u> let her on the team." [I don't think Coach would be very happy to hear K.B. call Cassandra a 'jerk.' Besides, she needs to tell Coach exactly what happened. Try again.]
- B) "Coach, I don't think you saw what happened today, but Cassandra seems to be out to get me. She stole the ball from me and tripped me on purpose." [Sounds good to me. How do you think Coach Cruncher would respond?]
- C) "Coach, if you tell me one more time to 'be a team player' I think I'll scream!" [K.B. may be feeling this way...but she should probably keep those thoughts to herself. It might make Coach a bit steamed. Besides, she didn't say anything about how Cassandra acted during tryouts. Try again.]

Episode #8 [Narrator: Srta. Ortega]

Question #1. Why weren't Lasa and Raven very friendly to Melanie in the store?

- A) Because Melanie hadn't been very nice to them the other day at school. [Right. Remember? In Episode 4, when Cassandra asked Mel who she was talking to, Mel answered, "nobody." Is there another good answer?]
- B) Because Melanie dropped them for another group of friends. [Yup. Has that ever happened to you? Why else do you think Lasa and Raven weren't friendly to Mel?]
- C) They're jealous because she's friends with Cassandra, Mimi, and Bibi, and they want to be in the "in" crowd too. [I don't think so. They don't seem to like Cassandra and her group very much. Try again.]

Question #2: Why did K.B. want to quit soccer?

- A) She didn't have any fun playing soccer the other day. [You're right. She didn't have much fun. Why was that? What else might be a good answer.]
- B) She didn't like the coach. [Hmm. She was probably frustrated that the Coach didn't see what was really going on...but I don't think that's why she wanted to quit soccer. Try another answer.]
- C) She was upset about getting bullied by Cassandra during soccer tryouts. [Right. She probably thought quitting soccer would be a good way of avoiding Cassandra in the future. Do you think she was right?]

Question #3: What happens to make K.B.'s mom finally realize why K.B. is feeling upset about school?

- A) K.B. probably told her about being bullied. [No. I don't think K.B. had said anything about the bullying to her mother yet. Why don't you think she told her mom? Should she have? What might be a better answer?]
- B) She actually saw K.B. being picked on by Cassandra and the other girls. [Right. And what did she remember when she saw K.B. being bullied?]
- C) She remembered how it felt to be bullied when she was a girl. [Yes. What made her think about that? Have you ever thought that lots of adults you know might have been bullied when they were kids?]

Question #4: Now that K.B.'s mom knows that her daughter is being bullied by some girls at school, what do you think is the first thing that she'll do?

- A) She'll probably go report what she saw to the principal. [She might talk with the principal at some point...but I don't think that's the first thing she'd do. Try another answer.]
- B) She'll probably get out of the car and yell at Cassandra and the other girls. [Hmm. She might <u>feel</u> like yelling at them, but I don't think she'd actually do that. She'd probably realize that yelling at Cassandra might just make things worse for K.B. What else might she do?]
- C) When K.B. gets home from school, she'll probably talk with K.B. about what she saw. [That's a good idea. What do you think she'll say?]

Episode #9 [Narrator: Hal]

Question #1: Why is Milton upset when his parents ask him if he's going to practice his tuba before dinner?

- A) He's in a really bad mood because he was bullied all day at school by Brick and his gang. [Right. I'd be feeling pretty mad, too.]
- B) His parents are always nagging him about practicing the tuba. [They don't seem the nagging types. Try another answer.]
- C) He's hungry and wants to eat <u>now!</u> [I doubt it. Try another answer.]

Question #2: What do you think Milton's parents are thinking when Milton storms out of the room?

- A) I guess Milton doesn't like lasagna so much after all. [Nope. Try again.]
- B) What in the world is upsetting Milton? [I agree. They look pretty confused and worried about how he acted.]
- C) What can we do to get Milton to practice? [I don't think so. They seem much more worried about Milton than about his tuba.]

Question #3: Why do you think Milton doesn't tell his parents the real reason why he's so upset?

- A) He's probably thinks they wouldn't understand. [You may be right. Do <u>you</u> think they'd understand? Why else might Milton not want to tell his parents?]
- B) He's probably embarrassed about getting bullied at school. [I'll bet he is embarrassed, although it's really not his fault, is it? Lots of kids get bullied. Why else?]
- C) He's afraid his dad will just tell him to "toughen up." [Maybe, but I think his dad would be more understanding than that. What else might be a good answer?]
- D) He's probably afraid that if he tells his parents, they'll want to tell his teachers at school—and he thinks that might make things even worse. [You may be right. But it might not be such a bad idea if they did talk with his teachers. Adults at school can really make a difference in stopping bullying. Why else might Milton not want to tell his parents?]

Question #4: Egg and Drizzy used to pick on Josh. So why are they nice to him, all of a sudden?

- A) They're all going to be on the same track team. [True. Why else?]
- B) Thor was the main bully. Without him around, Egg and Drizzy don't feel pressure to pick on Josh. [Probably. Lots of kids will join in bullying if another kid starts it. Not a very cool way to act...but it looks like Egg and Drizzy want to make up for their sorry behavior.]
- C) Josh grew a lot over the summer. Maybe they're afraid he'd beat them up. [I don't think so. Try again.]

Episode #10 [Narrator: Milton]

Question #1: Why do you think Mr. Bittner decided to "mix up" the lab partners?

- A) He does this every Monday so that students can get used to working with new partners. [Really? I think there's another reason. Try again.]
- B) He wanted Melanie and K.B. to work together as lab partners. [Exactly. Why did he think that would be a good idea? Check out question #2.]
- C) He wanted to separate Bibi and Mimi. [That would have been a good reason, too. They're impossible! But I don't think that's the main reason he did it. Try again.]

Question #2: Why did Mr. Bittner think it would be a good idea to pair Melanie and K.B. as lab partners?

- A) He saw that Melanie felt bad about her "D" and Cassandra's insulting comment. Maybe he thought K.B. would help Melanie do better in class. [Right. I'll bet he also thought they might become friends if they worked together. What is another good answer?]
- B) Earlier that day, he saw K.B. teased by the girls in the hallway and thought Melanie might be a friend to K.B. [Right! What might be another good reason to put them together as lab partners?]
- C) He had no reason. It was just by chance that they were put together. [I don't think so. Mr. Bittner seems to have had some good reasons. Try again.]

Question #3: Why do you think Melanie goes back into the lab after class is over?

- A) She forgot her book. [She did leave her book in the lab. Do you think she might have done that on purpose? What's another good answer?]
- B) She wanted to get away from Cassandra. [Maybe. <u>I</u> sure would have wanted to get away from Cassandra...but I'm not sure this is the best answer.]
- C) She felt bad about leaving so quickly, without saying "bye" to K.B. [I agree. I think she wanted to go back to talk with K.B.]

Question #4: Do you think Mr. Bittner's plan to get Melanie and K.B. to become friends will work?

- A) No way. [Really? Weren't there a few good signs that K.B. and Mel might become friends? Stay tuned to find out...]
- B) Maybe. [I'm hopeful. We'll have to see, won't we?]
- C) Yes. [I think so, too. What makes you think so? Stay tuned to see if you're right...]

Question #5. If K.B. and Melanie do become friends, do you <u>really</u> think that would help protect K.B. from getting get bullied by Cassandra, Mimi, and Bibi?

- A) No. [I don't agree. Sometimes, just having one good friend can make a huge difference. Kids who have close friends are not as likely to get picked on. It also probably would make K.B. feel much less lonely if she had a good friend at school. Do you know any kids at school who could use a friend? Could you be that friend?]
- B) Yes. [I agree. Sometimes, just having one good friend can make a huge difference. Kids who have close friends are not as likely to get picked on. It also probably would make K.B. feel much less lonely if she had a good friend at school. Do you know any kids at school who could use a friend? Could you be that friend?]

Episode #11: [Narrator: Melanie]

Question #1: Why did Josh ask if he could sit with Milton at lunch?

- A) He couldn't find anywhere else to sit. [I doubt it. Try again.]
- B) He wanted to learn to play the tuba and thought he could hit up Milton for free lessons. [I don't think that's the reason. Try again.]
- C) He thought Milton could use a friend. [Right. He had seen Brick bullying Milton and probably thought he could help Milton out.]

Question #2: Brick left in a kind of "huff." Why?

- A) He was mad that Milton didn't seem upset about the chocolate pudding in his mac and cheese. [Yup. I think that's part of the reason. Kids often bully others because they get a kick out of getting them to react. Brick was probably hoping for a much different reaction from Milton. How do you think Brick expected Milton to react? Why else might Brick have been upset?]
- B) He was upset that Josh, Raven, and the other kids at the table stood up to him. [I agree. I'll bet he wasn't used to that at all. Why else might he have been upset?]
- C) His buddies, Koz and Snoog, laughed at Milton's joke. [Yeah. Kids who bully usually depend on their buddies for support. Maybe Brick felt like he was losing some of his power over Koz and Snoog. Do you think Brick would be so tough if Koz and Snoog weren't there to back him up? Why else might Brick have been upset?]

Question #3: Do you think this is the end of Brick's bullying of Milton?

- A) No. He'll probably bully Milton even <u>more</u>. [I don't know. I have a feeling that things are looking up for Milton now that he has a group of friends around him. How could Josh and the others make sure? See question 4.]
- B) Yes. I think he'll give up on bullying Milton. [I agree. Things seem to be looking up for Milton now that he as a group of friends around him.]
- C) Hard to say. [It is kind of hard to say, but I have a feeling he may have given up on bullying Milton. How could Josh and the others make sure? See question #4.)

Question #4: What could Josh, Raven, and the other kids do to help make sure that Brick doesn't pick on Milton or other kids anymore?

- A) Keep hanging out with Milton. [Probably a good idea. There's safety in numbers. Brick probably won't pick on Milton as long as Milton is with cool friends like Josh and Raven. What's another good answer?]
- B) Keep an eye on Brick and if he gets out of line again, tell him to cut it out. [Right. They did it once, and that seemed to work pretty well. What else could they do?]
- C) Talk with Mr. Bittner or another adult at school. [I agree. Even if Brick quits picking on Milton, he might find <u>another</u> student to bully. So, it's always a good idea to talk with an adult about bullying that you know about. They're in a better position to make sure that Brick shapes up. Does your school have a rule that kids should report bullying? Mine does. If your school doesn't have a rule like that, talk to your teacher or principal. Maybe it <u>should</u>.]

Episode #12 [Narrator: Lasa]

Question #1: Why do you think Melanie decided to block the ball and save K.B. from getting smashed in the face?

- A) She wanted to show off her skills at "heading" the soccer ball. [That was a pretty impressive play...but I don't think she was out to impress anyone. Try again.]
- B) She thought her "teamwork" would impress Coach Cruncher. [Maybe. But I think there's a better answer.]
- C) She was sick of Cassandra picking on K.B. [I agree. I think she'd finally "had it" with Cassandra and decided to do something to help.]

Question #2: Why was Melanie booted out of Cassandra's group?

- A) Cassandra probably thought Mel wasn't a loyal friend. [I agree. Why do you think Cassandra felt that Mel wasn't being loyal? (Check out the other answers.)]
- B) Melanie picked K.B., not Cassandra, to be on her team. [Right. This was probably the last straw for Cassandra. Do you think that took guts for Mel to do that? Why else might Mel have been kicked out of Cassandra's group?]
- C) Melanie messed up Cassandra's plan to smash K.B. in the face with the soccer ball. [Yup. Pretty impressive head block, huh? Why else do you think Cassandra might have kicked Melanie out of her group?]

Question #3: On a scale of 1 to 10, how upset does Melanie seem that she got booted out of Cassandra's group?

- A) 7—pretty upset [Really? Check out her reaction again. I don't think she's upset at all. Would you be? Why/why not?]
- B) 3—a bit upset [She didn't look upset to me. Why don't you think she was upset? After all, weren't Cassandra, Mimi, and Bibi her good friends?]
- C) 1—not at all upset [I agree! Why don't you think she was upset? After all, weren't Cassandra, Mimi, and Bibi her good friends?]

Question #4: Do you think K.B. will get picked on any more by Cassandra?

- A) Yes. She'll probably get picked on even more. [I doubt it. I have a feeling that things will get better for K.B. now that she has Melanie and some other friends to hang out with.]
- B) No. [I have a feeling you're right and that things will get better for K.B. now that she has Melanie and some other friends to hang out with. Melanie's actions really helped K.B. Is there someone at school who you could help?]
- C) Hard to say. [It is hard to say, but I have a feeling that things will get better for K.B. now that she has Melanie and some other friends to hang out with.]

Question #5: If Cassandra bullies K.B. again, what should she do?

- A) Talk with her mom. [I agree. Her mom seems easy to talk to and would really want to help. What else could she do?]
- B) Talk with Mr. Bittner, Coach Cruncher, or another adult at school. [Right. I'd talk with Mr. Bittner, if I were her. What else could she do?]
- C) Tell Cassandra to cut it out. [Sometimes standing up to a bully can help. This can be really hard to do, so it's OK if K.B. doesn't feel up to it. It might help if she and some of her friends—Melanie, Raven, and Lasa—stood up to Cassandra together. What else could K.B. do?]
- D) She and Melanie should gang up on Cassandra to get even. [NOT a good idea! That would just make things worse. Besides, do you know how much trouble they could get in?! Try another answer.]

Question #6: If you went to this school, who would you want to be friends with? Place your vote!

- A) Milton
- B) Brick
- C) Josh
- D) Raven
- E) K.B.
- F) Melanie
- G) Cassandra
- H) Snoog