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ABOUT TEXT PLEDGE



Text Pledge is a nonprofit in Greater Grand Rapids, MI, that seeks to change the world one pledge at a time. Our pledges focus on ending some of the worst social issues affecting our communities, from distracted driving to acts of violence. Each pledge challenges members to practice compassion, and speak up when they witness injustice. We encourage you to help others in times of crisis. Together, we can make the world a kinder place.

Our pledge program includes the following elements available on our website www.textpledge.us and the Text Pledge App available on iOS/Google Play.

NATIONAL SMART CARD

EMERGENCY HOTLINES AND RESOURCES





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UPDATED MONTHLY

TO REFLECT THE IMPACT OF EACH PLEDGE TOPIC IN OUR **WORLD**





EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY BOOKS

FOR AGES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE. AVAILABLE ON THE TEXT PLEDGE WEBSITE AND THE MOBILE APP.



















A Message From Our Founder

Violence is when we use actions or words that can hurt others and make them feel sad or scared. One way we can avoid violence is to think about how our actions will make others feel. Is this something that will cause me or another friend pain, grief or hurt? Or will this cause joy, excitement or happiness? Think before you act. Remind your friends, parents and loved ones to be kind.

In this lesson, we will identify various types of violence and the impact this violence will have on others.

Have you witnessed acts of violence? **Crisis lines are available at textpledge.us**

Happy Learning!



Ms. NaomiFounder at the TextPledge Project



WHAT IS VIOLENCE?

Violence is **intentionally causing harm to a person**, **animal**, **or object**. It can be physical, such as hitting or pushing, or emotional, such as using hurtful words or bullying. **Acting violently means behaving in a way that causes harm to others or damages property.** Always remember to treat others with kindness and respect. See below for some examples of violence.



Fighting









Holding someone against their will



Taunting or bullying



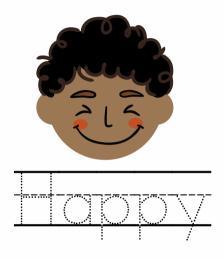
MATCH FEELINGS

Match each emotion by drawing a line from each image to its description.



WRITE FEELINGS

Trace the words that describe each emotion.







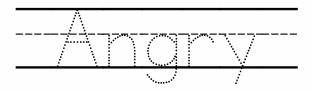
-Sad--

Afroid



Surprised







DRAW YOUR FEELINGS

Draw the face to show how you feel in each scenario.



I MADE A MISTAKE

Which of the following can I do when I make a mistake? Check the boxes below that apply to you.

- Be honest that I've made a mistake.
- Sincerely apologize to anyone affected.
- Forgive myself for making a mistake.
- Think of ways to do it better next time.
- Remind myself that everyone makes mistakes.
- Breathe, relax, and try again.
- Reflect on the mistake.
- Learn from my mistake.
- Address the root cause of my mistake.
- Share what I've learned.
- Allow myself to feel my emotions.
- Be patient with myself.
- Ask for help.
- Avoid the urge to dwell on the mistake.
- Remember that I am not a mistake.



WORD SEARCH ***

Find and circle the emotions in the word bank below.



O P F X L U C R L T Y B D P D M P Y I F H G A N G R Y Z Q Z S C A R E D G D M Y H S U R P R I S E D N X F Z W E Z W H O S A D U B Y E W A T D K T I R E D H P U L G C G R C V R P N I E M M L U V Z Y S



SURPRISED

SAD

ANGRY

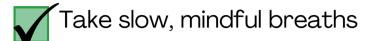
HAPPY

SCARED

TIRED

COPING TOOLS

Which of the following can I do when I feel stressed? Check the boxes below that apply to you.



Drink a cup of water

Rest and take a break

Stretch

Write down my thoughts

Listen to my favorite music

Talk to someone I trust

Get or give a hug

Cuddle or play with my pet

Use positive affirmations

Use a stress ball

Blow bubbles

Make an artwork

Take a walk outside

Read a book or magazine

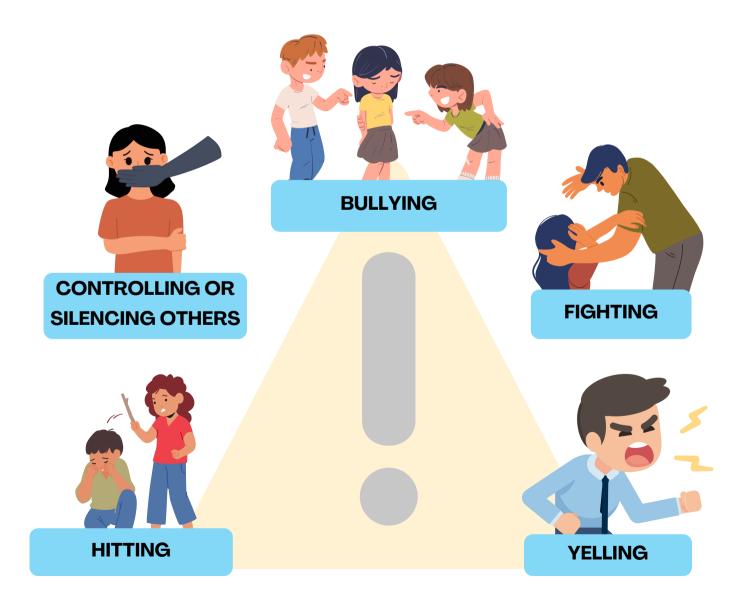
Watch TV or a movie



UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Everyone responds to stress differently. In our previous activity we identified healthy coping skills. In this activity we will identify some unhealthy behaviors that do <u>not</u> demonstrate good coping skills. Have you seen any of these unhealthy behaviors at school or at home?

Draw a circle around the pictures you have seen this behavior. **Draw an "X"** over the picture if you think it is an unhealthy behavior.



MY HOUSE

Every household looks a bit different. We have different relationships with everyone in the house. Identify who lives in your house by coloring the boxes below that matches who lives in your house.





ME

FATHER

MOTHER

BROTHER

FAMILY PET

GRANDPA

GRANDMA

SISTER

FAMILY FRIEND

UNCLE

AUNT

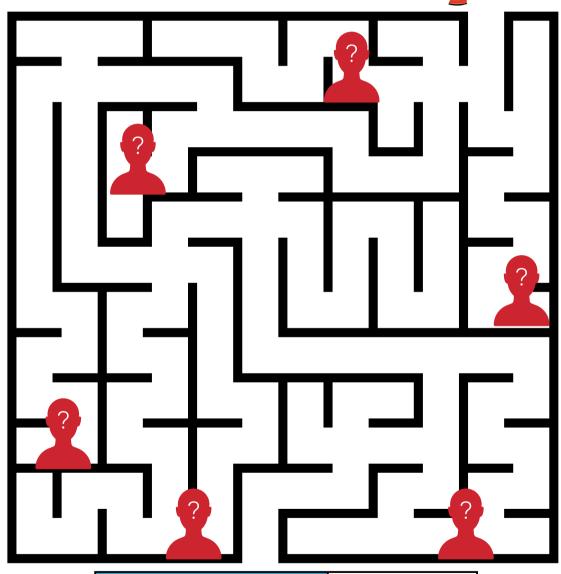
COUSIN

OTHER

STRANGER DANGER

Lilly and Henry are walking home from school. Help them find the way home. Avoid strangers along the way.







How many strangers did you count in this maze?

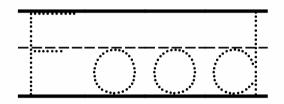


STAY ALERT

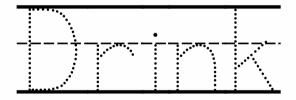
Do not take gifts from strangers. Gifts may include the following items that could be dangerous for your health.

Trace the name of each item.











YOUR COMFORT ZONE

When does a situation feel unsafe?

We encounter many people every day. Some people we know and others are new to us. Based on our relationship with people we may find certain behaviors **comfortable** or **uncomfortable**.

Below are some examples of common interactions you may have with people. Do any of these make you feel uncomfortable?

Draw a line from each image to indicate if each behavior is comfortable or uncomfortable. There are no wrong answers.













WHO WILL YOU CALL?

In addition to emergency response personnel, it is important to know which adult(s) to contact in the event of an emergency.

Work with your parent or guardian to complete this contact form.

PRIMARY CONTACT	SECONDARY CONTACT
Name:	Name:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Telephone:	Telephone:





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