

**RUDE vs. MEAN vs. BULLY**

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**RUDE = inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else**

* Usually caused by immature behavior or not thinking something through before acting. Remember to pause and think about your actions BEFORE you do them. Make KIND choices.
* Apologize and move forward if YOU are the one who was RUDE.
* If someone is RUDE to you, tell them you didn’t appreciate what they did and ask them no to do it again.

**MEAN = purposely saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice)**

* Some people just act MEAN occasionally. 
* People who are MEAN are usually insecure about something or have been hurt themselves. They might think that if they hurt someone else, they will make themselves feel more powerful or better. The
* y might just be having a bad day.

BULLYING = intentionally aggressive behavior that involves an imbalance of power.

* After being asked to STOP their mean or rude behavior, they do not stop. They continue with the hurtful behavior for a longer period than MEAN.
* Bullies often pick on people who have a hard time standing up for themselves.
* **The intent of a bully is to hurt someone else physically or emotionally or to damage another person’s property.**
* Most people do not like to be around bullies.