

## Lesson 82: Bullying

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Kevin: Mike doesn't want to go to school anymore.

Chikako: What happened?

Kevin: Some kid is **giving him a hard time** in school. One day, the bully punched him when Mike refused to give him money.

Chikako: That's horrible. What did you do?

Kevin: I stormed into the principal's office. The bully's parents were called to the office.

Chikako: Is the boy going to be expelled?

Kevin: No, he won't be kicked out of school. He was just suspended for a week.

Chikako: I don't think that's enough. The bully should get more than just suspension.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. My boss has been **giving me a hard time** at work.
2. What's wrong? Has someone been **giving you a hard time** in school?
3. I lost my sister's cat and she's been **giving me a hard time** ever since.

\* give someone a hard time / <人>を責める ; <人>を辛い目に遭わせる

### 3. Your Task

You witnessed a bullying incident in your workplace. You decided to report it to the manager. Tell the manager (=your tutor) what you saw.

### 4. Let's Talk

Have you ever been bullied before? If yes, tell your teacher about it. Should bullies be punished? Why do you think so?  
Why do you think bullying is popular in the younger generation?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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