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Being a Bullying Bystander: How to Support a Friend

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary based on personal experiences or observations. The impact of your support on your friend's situation and well-being should be discussed in relation to the specific situation described.
2. In a public setting witnessing bullying, I would calmly approach the situation and firmly but non-confrontationally tell the bullies to stop their actions. I would then assist my friend in leaving the area and seek help from authorities or responsible adults nearby.
3. Schools and educators play a vital role in addressing bullying by implementing anti-bullying programs, promoting a culture of kindness and inclusivity, providing resources for reporting bullying, and addressing incidents promptly and effectively. Additionally, schools should educate students about the consequences of bullying and the importance of empathy and respect.
4. A good friend when supporting someone who is being bullied exhibits qualities such as empathy, active listening, trustworthiness, and loyalty. They take action to help their friend, offer emotional support, and stand up against bullying when safe to do so. Examples of these qualities include being there to listen, providing reassurance, and advocating for their friend's well-being.

