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## Teasing vs. Bullying: Understanding the Difference

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary based on personal experiences or observations. The emotional impact of teasing and bullying on individuals and the importance of recognizing and addressing bullying should be discussed in relation to the specific situation described.
2. When witnessing a friend being targeted by harmful teasing, steps to intervene might include calmly addressing the teasing, encouraging respectful communication, and supporting the friend emotionally. If the teasing continues or escalates, seeking help from trusted adults may be necessary.
3. Bystanders play a crucial role in preventing and addressing bullying by intervening when they witness harmful behavior, supporting victims, and discouraging bullying. They can also report incidents to school authorities and create a culture of kindness and inclusion.
4. Schools and communities can educate individuals about the difference between teasing and bullying through anti-bullying programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns. This knowledge can help create a safer and more inclusive environment by promoting respectful and non-harmful interactions among peers.

