

PEER PRESSURE

Peer pressure is when someone encourages you to do something that you don't feel comfortable doing. It is usually something that would get you in trouble if an adult were around. Read the examples below to identify if they describe peer pressure!

1. JIM TELLS DERRICK TO STEAL AN EXTRA DESSERT WHEN THEY'RE IN LINE AT LUNCH. HE SAYS, "COME ON! EVERYONE IS DOING IT." IS THIS PEER PRESSURE? YES NO

WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

2. KAREN ASKS MONIQUE TO HELP HER ON HER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT. SHE SAYS, "CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ME? I'LL OWE YOU!" IS THIS PEER PRESSURE? YES NO

WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

3. LAURA AND WALTER ARE PLAYING BASKETBALL. LAURA TELLS WALTER TO LET HER WIN THE NEXT GAME. SHE THREATENS TO PUNCH HIM IN THE ARM IF HE DOESN'T DO IT. IS THIS PEER PRESSURE? YES NO

WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

4. JACKSON ENCOURAGES AIDEN TO MAKE FUN OF THE NEW KID. HE SAYS, "YOU BETTER DO IT OR I'LL TEXT EVERYONE THAT EMBARRASSING PICTURE OF YOU!" IS THIS PEER PRESSURE? YES NO

WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

5. OLIVE MISSES THE BUS TO SCHOOL. SANDY SAYS, "YOU CAN RIDE WITH ME AND MY MOM IF YOU WANT TO. I'M SURE IT'LL BE OK." IS THIS PEER PRESSURE? YES NO

WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

What do you think would be the best way for each person to respond in each situation?

