

McGruff® the Crime Dog's WHAT IF Game

(Answers are at the bottom of the page. Be strong! Don't look before you answer.)

Directions: Circle the letter of the answer you think is best. There may be more than one correct answer for each question.

1. What if two bullies corner you on the bus and demand your lunch money. You should...
 - a. Scream, "Get lost," and shove them out of the way.
 - b. Give them what you have and then tell the bus driver, a teacher, or another trusted adult.
 - c. Try to talk them out of it. Then move away (change seats).
2. What if you are playing at your friend's house and your friend pulls out his parent's gun from under the bed. You should...
 - a. Gather all your friends together so everyone can see the gun.
 - b. Pretend you don't see it and try to forget about it.
 - c. Try holding it because you don't want your friend to think you aren't cool.
 - d. Leave and tell a trusted adult.
3. What if a friend tells you she has found some beer that her parents won't know is missing. She wants you to drink some with her. You should...
 - a. Try some because she is cool and you want to continue to be friends with her. Besides, you will only try it this one time.
 - b. Tell your friend no thanks, and if she's a real friend she won't offer you alcohol anymore.
 - c. Tell her no because you have to get home and do your homework.
 - d. Tell her no and ask if she knows the bad things alcohol does to her body.
4. What if a bully keeps picking on you on the playground at school. You should...
 - a. Get all your friends together and beat the bully up.
 - b. Try your best to ignore the bully. If that doesn't work, try talking calmly to get out of the situation.
 - c. Realize it is not your fault that the bully keeps picking on you. Tell a teacher, playground aide, counselor, or other trusted adult and ask them to help.
5. What if during recess you overhear a group of kids talking about how they are going to beat up one of your classmates after school. You should...
 - a. Join in because you don't really like the classmate either.
 - b. If you know the group of people, talk with them and find a better, nonviolent way of dealing with the problem.
 - c. Tell a teacher or other trusted adult.
 - d. Do nothing since they aren't going to beat you up.

Answers: 1. (b-maybe c) If you give them the money they may not hurt you. But you must then talk to a responsible adult so he or she can help you. If you know the bullies, sometimes you can talk them out of it. 2. (d) Guns are serious trouble and should be reported immediately to a trusted adult. 3. (b-c-d) Each of these answers can be right, as long as you say no! 4. (b-c) Both are good answers. 5. (b-c) Both are good answers depending on what you feel you can do. Not doing anything may allow the violence to get worse. Besides, if you were the target, wouldn't you want a classmate to help you out?

