

- a. What is bullying?
- b. What are the different ways people bully?
- c. Why do you think people bully?
- d. How does bullying affect people who are bullied? People who bully? The whole community?



Ronan's Escape

A stunning short film set in the rural wheat belt of Western Australia, provides a candid insight into the life of Ronan (David Lazarus), a 14 year old boy who's been bullied at school his whole life.

1. Watch the movie.
2. Take notes while watching the movie.
 - a. What kinds of bullying is Ronan a victim of?
 - b. How does he try to cope with his situation?
 - c. What role does the bird play?
 - d. What does he think of while sitting in the wheat field?
 - e. What do you think of his "escape"?
 - f. Who is responsible for what happened?
 - g. What do you think of the teacher(s)?
 - h. Why hasn't Ronan asked for help by turning to some adults?
 - i. Why hasn't any of his school mates tried to help him?
 - j. Have you ever witnessed anyone being exposed to bullying?
 - k. Have you acted or just watched on the sideline?

Discussion :

Now you will look at different ways people can respond to situations involving bullying.

a. The facilitator will read a description of bullying. For each situation three possible responses are given. A fourth response is always open if you think of a different response.

b. Each corner of the room is numbered. After you hear the situation and the responses, go to the corner that represents what you think you would do in this situation.

Think of the answers for these questions:

why did you choose that response and what are some of its advantages and disadvantages?

If you chose the open corner explain how you would respond.

