

THE FIGHT

Angela, Latasha, and Tonya all go to school together. They are in the eighth grade. One day, Angela told Latasha, “Just between you and me, I think Tonya needs to take more baths. That girl smells!” Latasha and Angela laughed.

The next day, Tonya walked up to Angela and said, “I heard you said I smell. Well, at least I don’t have bad breath and yellow teeth!”

“What did you say?” asked Angela.

“I said, at least I don’t have bad breath and yellow teeth, you big pig!” said Tonya.
“You better take that back,” yelled Angela.

Tonya responded, “Oink, oink, you big ugly pig!”

Angela smacked her in the face, and then Tonya hit her back. Soon the two were sprawled on the floor screaming, kicking, and slapping each other.

Student Discussion Questions

- ✓ Why did Tonya say that Angela had bad breath and yellow teeth?
- ✓ Is it OK for Tonya to feel embarrassed and upset?
- ✓ Could Tonya control what Angela said about her?
- ✓ Could Tonya control how she reacted to Angela?
- ✓ What could each of the three girls (Angela, Tonya, and Latasha) have done differently?

