

**Workshop 4: Bullies Beware****Reading 2 Project: Girl Fight**  
**Choose Your Words**

*Words can hurt—but they don't have to.*

**Project:** Work with a partner. Create a list of “Do’s” and “Don’ts” for communicating without hurting people.

**Procedure****1. Brainstorm.**

What are good things to say to people? What words hurt others' feelings? List ideas about how people should talk to one another—and how they shouldn't. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- **Don't** call anyone by a nickname unless you know they like it.
- **Don't** criticize someone's appearance.
- **Do** compliment someone's appearance, if you are sincere.
- **Do** speak to others as you like to be spoken to.

**2. Choose ideas.**

When you and your partner have lots of ideas, read them aloud to each other. Choose the best ones—at least three Do's and three Don'ts.

**3. Create your list.**

Use two pieces of paper. On one, write the heading “DO.” On the other, write “DON'T.” Then list your suggestions.

**4. Present your work.**

Display the chart in the classroom where it can be easily read. Place a stack of sticky notes nearby. Invite classmates to add their own suggestions for each list.