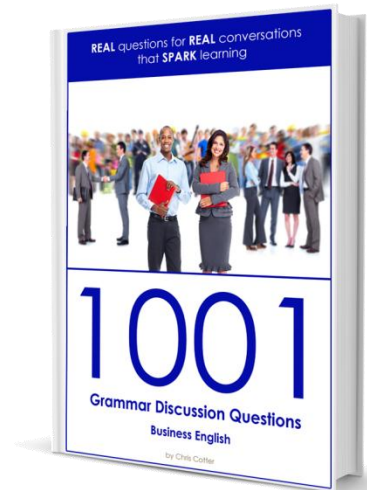
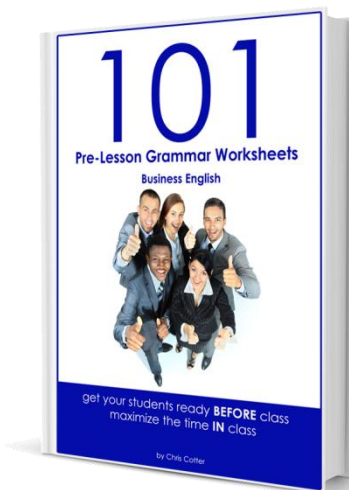
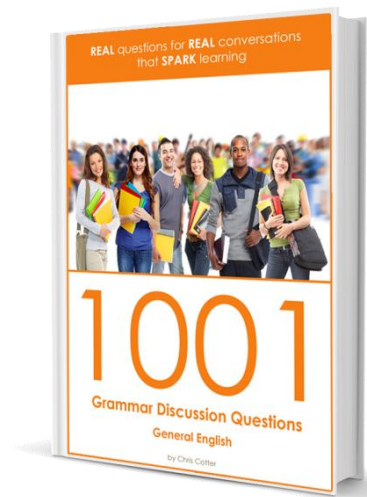
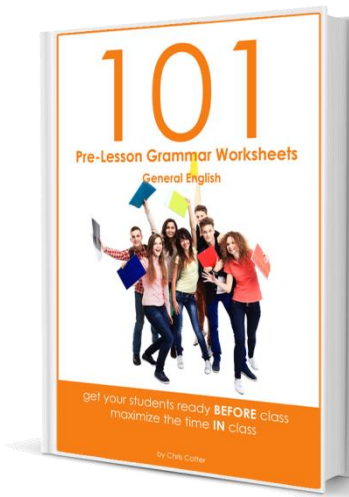
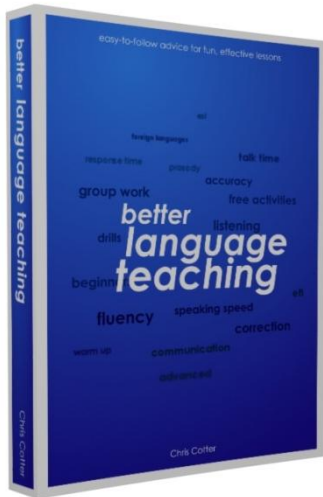


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Mini Lessons: The Reasons for Bullying

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the ARTICLE

Read the article.

Bullying in schools is a serious problem. Children who get bullied have problems later in life. They might have lower grades, drop out of school, or even develop drug problems.

New research gives clues about bullying. Children who are picked on often lack social skills. They don't understand when other children feel annoyed or angry, for example. They don't know social rules and social skills as well as their peers. They may not know how to communicate well.

Of course, all people want to have friends and be liked. Unfortunately, bullying creates a terrible cycle. Popular children have many friends, so they have many chances to practice social skills. Less popular children have fewer chances to perfect social skills, and so become the targets of bullying more frequently.

WARM UP

Discuss the question with your partner for five minutes.

1: Is bullying a problem? Why do / don't you think so? Please explain.

2: Why are some people bullied by others?

VOCABULARY

Check the new vocabulary in a dictionary. Then match the words.

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|---------------|----------|------------------|
| 1: develop | • noun | • do not have |
| 2: lack | • verb | • often |
| 3: peers | • adverb | • form or create |
| 4: frequently | • verb | • friend |

DISCUSS

Discuss these questions with a partner. Remember to support your answers.

1: What would you do/say if your child were bullying someone?

2: What would you do/say if your child were being bullied?

3: Do you know any adult bullies? Please explain.