

Appendix 24.3. Sample Excerpts from *Openly Straight* for the Scavenger Hunt

Example I

Indirect physical bullying (p. 40) is evident when Rafe describes how he knew Claire Olivia was mad at him: “I knew, because she always texted at night, and that night she didn’t. And the next morning she wouldn’t look me in the eye.”

Direct physical bullying (p. 39) is evident when Mr. Scarborough asks one of Rafe’s classmates, Curtis, to think about the time he caused his sister physical injuries by jumping off one end of a seesaw as a practical joke: “What I’d like you to think about, Curtis, is culpability. You didn’t mean to hurt her; it was an accident as you said. I’d like you to add to your homework a short piece like the one you wrote, but in this one I want you to reflect on a time when you purposely hurt someone. We can learn so much from seeing our own character flaws. I want to see that from you.”

Example II

Indirect verbal bullying (pp. 146–48) is evident when Rafe makes up a fictional romantic relationship with his friend Claire Olivia to the guys on the soccer team. In this scene, he tells the guys that he left his hot girlfriend in Colorado and participates in spreading rumors about Claire Olivia in order to save his own reputation with the team.

Direct verbal bullying (p. 46) is evident when Rafe talks about how at his old school the team locker room was full of verbal assaults: “I had never been in a shower room that wasn’t filled with name-calling and insults. Once *faggot* had been taken away from my Boulder teammates, they’d found other ones—dumbass, shit breath, dick face—that they used with abandon.”