



1. In your opinion, what is dating?
2. Would you like to try dating? Explain your answer.
3. Would your parents allow you to have a date with someone?
4. Do you like someone at the moment? Would you go on a date with him / her? How would you ask him / her?
5. If you would go on a date, what kind of activities would you do?



Peter Gibson, the principal of West Point Elementary School, made a very special announcement today. All the students in West Point Elementary School are not allowed to have a boyfriend or a girlfriend from now on.

Of course, not all the students agree with the new school policy. They think it is not fair. Some students think that the school is invading their private life and freedom. Even some teachers think it is too harsh. At lunch time, everybody at West Point was talking about the new school policy in the school cafeteria.

Alice has a boyfriend. His name is Kevin. They are both 4th graders. Their parents know about their relationship. Last Friday, Kevin's dad drove Alice and Kevin to the movie theater and picked them up after the movie. Sometimes, they do their homework and study for tests together at Alice's home. Now they are both really sad because they have to break up. They really don't understand why they can't be a couple.



Check the correct answer for each question.

1. What announcement did the principal make at West Point Elementary?
☐ The school will not allow students to date.
☐ The school will be closed for a week.
2. What do some students think about the new school policy?
☐ They think it is fair. ☐ They think it is unfair.
3. What do some teachers think about the new school policy?
☐ They think it is too harsh. ☐ They think it is too relaxed.
4. Why is Alice sad?
☐ Because she can't date Kevin anymore.
☐ Because she failed the math test yesterday.



Write the correct word for each definition.

policy invade harsh couple announcement

1. to get involved in something in an unwanted way
2. two people in a relationship
3. difficult
4. an official statement
5. a rule



Time to Think

Read the questions and discuss them with your classmates.

1. Are there many students who are in a relationship at your school?
2. What do you think about young teenagers dating?
3. Do you think that dating negatively affects studying?
4. Do you think schools have the right to control whether students date or not?
5. Why do you think the school tries to control students' private lives?
6. Are you in a relationship at the moment? If not, would you want to date even if your school did not allow you to?
7. What do your parents think about young teenagers dating?
8. Do you think dating at an early age is too problematic? Are there any advantages to it?