



# Bayview High

## *Striking Distance* Chapter 11: Breaking Point

### Working with Words—Racial Slurs

Racial slurs are insulting or mean-spirited comments made to people of different ethnic or cultural groups. The comments often stereotype groups because of their differences.

Someone left a message on Alejandro's locker. Why did the message refer to Alejandro as a Mexican wetback? Are there groups at your school who are bullied with racial comments or slurs? Which groups are they? Why are they stereotyped?

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What is discriminatory about the comments?

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How can you stop that kind of behaviour?

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