

Lesson 5 Peer Pressure Year 5 | Activity

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PEER PRESSURE RUINED MY LIFE by Jason Smith

I am a twenty-three year old man and I am writeing this to warn all you youngstas about what happened to me. When I got into Year 5 I remember thinking that the only thing that mattered was what the children thought of me. I needed to be the coolest cat in the year. I needed everybody to respect me. I needed to be really popula. I started being friends with people in the cool crowd. We made fun of weak kids and never did our homework. One day they told me to write nasty things on the walls of the toilets. That really impressed the cool crowd but it was the start of my fall.

While I was busy chasing popular, other children were using school for the right reason. Unlike me, they wurked. Unlike me, they joined the choir. Unlike me, they made friends, real friends, that were kind and supportive. And unlike me, they understood who they were, what they liked. Now, ten years later, these people have choices. I don't. I wake up every day with no choice. I hate my job, I have no skilz and my family don't wanna know me. I don't even know who I am! While I was smoking ciga- rettes and messing around in the park, everyone else was getting ahead. I knew it was wrong at the time but peer pressure was just so powerful. It turned me into another person.

1. What was the only thing that mattered to Jason at school?

2. Why does Jason regret his time at school?

3. What does cool mean to you? Write a list.
