

**INTERVIEWER:** I think most of the time when kids look around their high school, they see that there are certain kids who like to hang around with other kids. And, you know, when you see those kids hanging around together, one of the ways we could describe them is we could call them a crowd. When you think about what you see at your high school, are there many groups of kids that you would recognize as a crowd?

**MAYA:** Yes.

**INTERVIEWER:** Would you tell me who it is that you would recognize?

**MAYA:** Well, there seems to be, like, a lot of people who are in sports hang out together. Or people who are in, like, certain clubs hang out together.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**MAYA:** Or certain ethnicities hang out together.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**MAYA:** Yeah.

**INTERVIEWER:** Is your high school pretty diverse?

**MAYA:** Yes, I would say so.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. So we have-- oh, do the kids have names for these crowds? Those kids who are in sports, if you were talking to somebody about them, what might you call them? And it's OK to say that you don't think that there's a name for them.

**MAYA:** I don't really have a name for them. It's just, like, sports.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. Sometimes, you know, crowds like that are called, like, jocks, or something.

**MAYA:** Yeah, but that doesn't seem, like, to be a name.

**INTERVIEWER:** Doesn't seem like the right name for them? OK. What makes the kids who belong to

those different crowds different from each other?

**MAYA:** They just kind of have different interests usually.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. Different interests.

**MAYA:** That's pretty much it though. Like, I mean, they might have different personalities also. Like, there's certain people who think that they should do something, or they think they're cooler than other people, and they want to hang out with a certain type of people. And then others who don't really care and like to hang out with people who like to-- are more academic or something.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. Thinking about these different groups of kids, would you recognize the different groups by the way that they dress?

**MAYA:** Not usually, I don't think. I mean, some people might be more-- if they're in sports, they might dress more casual. But I wouldn't-- no, not really. Most people, like, a lot of people dress pretty similar, I gotta say. Especially right now, with it being winter.

**INTERVIEWER:** And we've already talked about they have different interests. Do they have differences? Like maybe they like different music or different kinds of--

**MAYA:** Yeah. I could say there'd be people with different-- I could see, like, there's certain people who like, for example, rap more than someone who likes pop or something like that.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. How do you think the kids in the different crowds feel about each other? Do they like each other? Do they dislike each other? Or do they just not care about each other?

**MAYA:** Yeah, I don't think they really care about each other. Because I go to such a big school that there's so many different people at the school that, like, it's really easy just not to, like, even, like, know about each other kind of.

**INTERVIEWER:** Well, that makes me think of a different question. If you're at a very big school, do you think that most kids kind of have a crowd of kids they hang with or do a lot of

kids just not have a crowd? They just kind of stay to themselves?

**MAYA:** It could go either way. I mean, there's just so many people that there is always someone there, someone who likes the same thing as you. But then it's also such a big place that it's so easy for you to get lost into it.

**INTERVIEWER:** Do you think being part of a crowd helps you not get lost?

**MAYA:** Yeah. I would say so.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. Can you think of anything that maybe brings kids from different crowds together to do things together?

**MAYA:** Well, like, if you are in-- if you have a friend from, like, one of the other. Or if you have a school activity. That's one thing. Like a football game, there's a bunch of different people at that type of activity, or like a dance or something like that.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. That's what I was thinking might bring different groups of people together, because whether you're in one crowd or the other crowd, still everybody likes to go to a football game if they can. Or go to a dance. OK. Good. Thank you for your time.

I'm with Isaiah and Jonathan. They're both 15 years old, and they're in 10th grade. And we're going to take some time now to talk about recognizing crowds at your school.

So sometimes when you look around school, you know, kids like to hang together with other kids, and so they form groups. And there's ways that those groups are different from each other.

**ISAIAH:** Yes.

**INTERVIEWER:** So if you think about the kids that you see at your school, do any of those groups kind of come to mind?

**ISAIAH:** I would think of the basketball group.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**ISAIAH:** Yeah. They're, like, jocks. And then some of the girls, they're, like, drama queens.

**INTERVIEWER:** Drama queens? Would you do me a favor and tell me a little bit about a drama queen? How would you recognize a drama queen?

**JONATHAN:** They make a big deal out of something so small. Like, they spill a little bit of water on them, and they just start freaking out.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**ISAIAH:** And since we have a volleyball team, some of them just like to hang out together. And they just-- most of the time they gossip about things.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. So we have, would we say jocks? And drama queens? And?

**ISAIAH:** The gossipers.

**JONATHAN:** The gossipers.

**INTERVIEWER:** And the gossipers. OK, got it. Any other groups come to mind?

**ISAIAH:** I don't really think there are any others.

**JONATHAN:** No.

**ISAIAH:** Because the rest of the kids at our school just kind of go their own way.

**INTERVIEWER:** Oh, OK. Do you maybe-- and maybe this isn't true at your school-- but do you have some kids who maybe are, like, real super serious students and they hang around with each other?

**ISAIAH:** We don't have serious students. We do have one very dedicated student though.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. But that's one person and not a crowd?

**ISAIAH:** Yeah, no.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. So let's talk about the groups that we talked about. The jocks, the drama

queens, and the gossips. Help me understand a little more about what makes those groups similar to each other or different from each other. What would a jock do that a drama queen wouldn't do?

**ISAIAH:** The jocks usually act dumb and do dumb things during class. Like, they make remarks and they throw paper-- like, balled paper-- at the trash can.

**JONATHAN:** Trying to show off.

**ISAIAH:** Yes.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK, showing off. OK. Do drama queens show off?

**ISAIAH:** No.

**JONATHAN:** No.

**ISAIAH:** They just are very dramatic in everything they do. And they're like, everyone stay out of my way. They're just, like, really bossy and naggy.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. And what is it that makes the gossips different than the other two groups?

**ISAIAH:** They talk a lot.

**JONATHAN:** Gossipers, they kind of, they talk a lot. And they eavesdrop most of the time. And then they go back into their little groups and just start whispering to each other.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. Are you usually pretty careful what you say when you're around them?

**JONATHAN:** Yes.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**ISAIAH:** And most of the time I am not around them.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**ISAIAH:** I tend to go to the piano.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. All right. Those three groups that we're talking about, do they ever kind of get together to do things together? Or do they really stay separate?

**ISAIAH:** Some of them--

**JONATHAN:** On Fridays we all get together, and we have Chapel.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK.

**JONATHAN:** And we just sing and just come together. We try not to pray.

**INTERVIEWER:** Do the groups still pretty much sit with each other or do they--

**ISAIAH:** That they do do.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. So you're all in a chapel, but there are still three--

**ISAIAH:** But they're still kind of--

**INTERVIEWER:** Separate little--

**ISAIAH:** Groups.

**INTERVIEWER:** Groups. Even when it's time for chapel. Can you think of anything, like an activity or an event at school or something, that would make all three groups get together and kind of like share and do things together?

**ISAIAH:** Normally volleyball games.

**JONATHAN:** Yeah, volleyball games. Or just school games.

**INTERVIEWER:** OK. So everybody gets pretty excited?

**ISAIAH:** Yeah. Everybody's excited for the same thing.

**INTERVIEWER:** For the same thing. That makes good sense to me. OK, well those were the things I was hoping we could talk about. And that was very helpful, because I think a lot of times when kids look around their school, you can kind of see that there are different groups of kids that get together, hang together, seem to like and enjoy

each other, but one group is just not like the other one.

**ISAIAH:** They're just totally different.

**INTERVIEWER:** Totally different. Good. Thank you.