

THE BYSTANDER

In the story of *Swallow Me, NOW!* the teachers speak to the grade five children about a **BYSTANDER**.

What is a “**bystander**”? Write the definition from a dictionary.

A bystander is _____
_____.

Every one is a **bystander** all the time. And as a **bystander, you have the power to change a situation**.

Here are two scenarios. Everyone has either been involved in these situations, or witnessed them, one way or the other.

Scenario One – and Action!

You are playing with your friend in the playground, when a group of kids come up and pick on your friend by saying mean things, making your friend feel terribly sad.

You are a witness – that makes you a bystander.

As the bystander, you have power. What could you do to help your friend?

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Scenario Two – and Action!

Your friend, who is fun to be around, can be nice to others sometimes, and at other times can be really mean and nasty, saying hurtful things, or even physically hurting them. You like your friend, but you don't like his/her behaviour sometimes.

You are a witness – that makes you a bystander.

As the bystander, you have power. What could you do to help your friend and the victim?

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Here is your **life challenge** -Are you brave enough, to do what is right so that no one is hurt emotionally or physically? You can make a difference!