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Chapter 3: Your Friends—Glossary

abstinence. Choosing not to have sex.

acquaintances. People you have met, but do not know well.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). A disease caused by HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) that weakens the immune system and leads to death.

bullying. When a person hurts or threatens another person.

clique. A group that excludes other people.

conformity. Looking and behaving like the other members of a group.

dating. Participating in an activity with a friend of the opposite sex.

empathy. Ability to understand another person's emotions and see from his or her point of view.

gang. A group of people that join together for a variety of reasons and may be violent.

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). A virus that is spread through sexual contact or blood.

infatuation. An intense feeling of attraction that begins and ends quickly. Sometimes called a *crush*.

love. A strong feeling of affection between two people.

loyalty. A quality that shows strong support for a friend.

peer pressure. The influence that your peers have on you.

peers. People who are about the same age as you.

sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Illnesses that spread through sexual contact. Also known as *sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)*.

sterility. The inability to conceive a child.