

Healthy Me

'Gangs are...' Game Cards - Ages 10-11 - Piece 4

Marlon is 18. He lives in a city where there are lots of rival gangs.

Gangs are cool and give me street-cred. No one disrespects me because I'm part of the gang. If they did, my gang would cause trouble for them. I used to get bullied but not now.

Reeta is 15. Her parents are both doctors and she goes to a private school.

Gangs are terrifying. I've joined a gang and I wish I hadn't. Some of them carry knives and take drugs. They have threatened me because I want to leave.

Rahul is 14 and he has come to live in this country with his family.

Gangs are fun. My friends just hang out and play videogames together. We can even be a gang online when we play as a team.

Suzi is 17. She is homeless and lives on the streets.

Gangs are exciting. My gang hangs out on the street and we are always on the look-out for trouble. We get drunk and like making trouble for other people.

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Mario is 13. His dad is out of work.

Gangs are good for money. We earn it by doing illegal things like stealing and selling drugs. It's dangerous work but if I get more involved, I can earn more, and be a more powerful gang member.

Maisy is 15. Her parents have just separated and she is upset about it.

Gangs are a way of life. All my brothers and sisters are in the local gang. So are all their friends. I'll be expected to join the gang at some point to show my respect.

Jacen is 16. He doesn't enjoy school and finds all the subjects boring.

Gangs are a way of belonging. When I'm part of the gang it gives me an identity.