

## What should Connor say?

Connor was cycling home from school when he saw his elder sister, Kylie, with a group of boys.

He knew some of the boys; they were tough and didn't care what anyone said to them. They were from the local secondary school, where Connor would be going in September.

Connor got off his bike and hid behind a parked car where no one could see him.

He was fond of Kylie, even though she was always

telling him he was stupid. He knew it was only teasing.

As he watched, he wondered why he had stopped. Was it curiosity? Was he spying or was he really concerned about Kylie? He wasn't sure.

Kylie was laughing. One of the boys offered her a cigarette which she took. Connor knew his parents would be cross if they found out. Kylie was only fourteen.

He could see Kylie shaking her head and beginning to walk away, one of the boys

held her arm and started arguing with her. Another pushed her, while another got hold of her bag. Kylie grabbed it back and started to run.

The boys let her go, but shouted after her; 'You'd better have the money tomorrow!'

Connor didn't know what to do. There were too many boys for him to tackle. Kylie was walking home now.

Connor got home first. His mother asked him if he had seen Kylie on the way.

Before he could answer Kylie arrived home.