

# Gangs in the news

The media can often portray things in an exaggerated and not entirely accurate way. Read the article below. Underline or highlight words or phrases which you consider unnecessary, biased or possibly inaccurate.

## MODEL STUDENT ATTACKED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

<p>Fifteen-year-old Marcus Holley has become the latest innocent victim of rivalry between local violent gangs. As he walked along Parkside Road last week with a group of friends, a car drew up and several boys jumped out and attacked this popular, high-achieving boy.</p> <p><b>Brave Marcus</b></p> <p>Yesterday, whilst recovering in</p>	<p>hospital, Marcus bravely spoke of his ordeal: 'I always hang around in a group,' he said, 'that way I feel more protected. It's like having your family around you. I couldn't believe it when these idiots attacked me, I didn't know what to do. Luckily my mates fought them off and then called my mum who brought me to hospital.'</p>	<p>So far police have arrested two teenage boys in connection with the violent assault and have begun a comprehensive search of their homes. It is possible that this cold-blooded, unprovoked attack was fuelled by drugs. This adds to the ever-increasing numbers of young people who are victims to these violent thugs. When will it end? It seems that young people are more prey to gang culture than ever before.</p>
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What similarities do you think there are between the group Marcus hangs around with and a 'gang'?

Why would you not classify Marcus's group as a gang? Why/why not?



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