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# Bans can Backfire

when rules cause trouble

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## Chapter One

# Where a mysterious object appears at school

When Alma and Tim arrived at school that morning, they were very surprised to find the playground completely deserted. Where had all the other kids gone? Usually, the school was teeming with classmates running in all directions, greeting friends, swapping football cards and figurines, or telling their teachers about their weekend. Usually, the air was filled with laughter, shouts and even the occasional tear. But on this day, an eerie silence hung over the schoolyard.



