

Jaylen Arnold

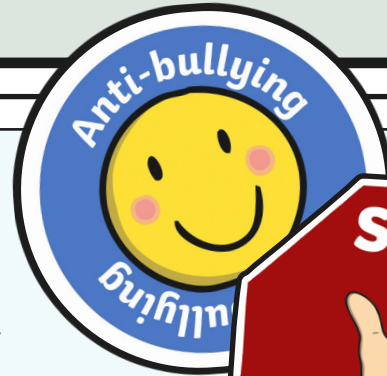
Fast Facts

Full name: Jaylen Malachi Holt Arnold

Date of birth: 28th August 2000

Place of birth: Florida, USA

Known for: starting his own anti-bullying campaign



Jaylen Arnold is an activist. An activist is a person who campaigns for change. Jaylen's medical conditions make him do lots of sudden movements and make noises that he had no control over. This meant that other children saw him as different. After being bullied as a child because of this, Jaylen began to feel very anxious at school. Feeling scared and worried made his condition even worse, which made the bullies make fun of him even more. It became so bad that his doctor suggested that Jaylen take some time off school.

While he was off school, Jaylen was grateful that his parents were there to support him. He felt sorry for children who were being bullied and who did not have parents at home that were able to take care of them like his own parents.

With his mum and dad's help, Jaylen set up a foundation called Jaylen's Challenge. He wanted to help children to spot the signs of bullying and to know how to stand up to bullies. He also wanted to help educate bullies themselves and teach everybody that it was okay to be different.

Jaylen began to travel around schools giving presentations in schools all around the United States. He has spoken to over 300 000 children so far! He was very proud that he was able to use his experience to help others. Jaylen has appeared on TV many times talking about his goals and has won many awards.

Jaylen's Timeline

- **Age 3** - diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome
- **Age 4** - diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- **Age 8** - diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition
- **Age 8** - founded Jaylen's Challenge, to fight bullying
- **Age 9** - began to give speeches in schools around the US
- **Age 14** - honoured with the World of Children Award
- **Age 17** - became the first American to receive the Princess Diana Legacy Award

Jaylen's Message:
Bullying no way!

Questions

1.

Where was Jaylen Arnold born? Circle the correct answer.

California

New York

Florida

2.

Why was Jaylen bullied as a child?

3.

Put the words below into the correct places in the sentences.

grateful

worried

proud

scared

At school, Jaylen felt _____ and _____ when he was being bullied. When he began to learn at home, Jaylen felt _____ for his supportive parents. While he travelled around the country, Jaylen felt _____ that he could help others.

4.

He also wanted to help educate bullies themselves...

What does educate mean?

5.

Order these events in Jaylen's life by writing the numbers 1 to 5.

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- ☐ Jaylen was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome.
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- ☐ Jaylen founded Jaylen's Challenge.
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6.

What were two goals of Jaylen's Challenge?

1. _____

2. _____



How could you help to spread Jaylen's message?



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grateful worried proud scared

At school, Jaylen felt worried and scared when he was being bullied. When he began to learn at home, Jaylen felt grateful for his supportive parents. While he travelled around the country, Jaylen felt proud that he could help others.

4. He also wanted to help educate bullies themselves...

What does educate mean?

Educate means to teach or help someone to learn.

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6. What were two goals of Jaylen's Challenge?

Any two of the following:

- **to help children spot the signs of bullying**
- **to help children to know how to stand up to bullies**
- **to educate bullies**
- **to teach people that it was okay to be different**

7. How could you help to spread Jaylen's message?

Child's own answer about how they could spread Jaylen's anti-bullying message in their own school or community.