



# Stall Stories not Tall Stories

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Stall Stories is a new effort from the Guidance Department to reach our students. Have suggestions or comments about what you'd like to see on future Stall Stories? Then stop by the Guidance Office to drop off your comment in the Stall Stories Box.



## HEY MS. GARCIA!

Dear Ms. Garcia  
I've been applying to colleges and I just got my first acceptance letter.

On the one hand I'm thrilled, but on the other I'm terrified. And now I worry that I might not be ready to leave home. What if I don't like it?

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Now that your goal or dream has become a reality it can be common to feel that fear of the unknown. Making the leap to college (or leaving home) after high school can be a scary thing. At times it can be so overwhelming that it seems easier to stick with what you're used to. Remember the time when you weren't worried, when you were excited about going off to college, make a list of what reasons made you want to go off to college. Now look at each of those items...do you really want to pass those up because you're worried about your ability to survive in a new place? I challenge you to believe in yourself and take that leap.

Ms. Garcia

*Have a question you want anonymously answered? Stop by guidance to drop off your question in the Stall Stories box.*

## Chris Brown and Rhianna: A Fairy Tale Romance Gone Awry?

Things aren't always what they seem and that can be true of relationships.

Whether a celebrity or not, everyone has a right to a safe and healthy relationship. Did you know that one in three teenagers is a victim of abuse, from being yelled at or put down to being physically assaulted? If you are abusing your partner, the first and hardest part of ending the abuse is admitting that it is wrong. In contrast, it may be hard to recognize that you are in an abusive relationship before a serious physical assault happens. Listed are a few resources that maybe of help:

1. Talk with your Guidance Counselor
2. [www.thesafespace.org](http://www.thesafespace.org) (very cool website)

3. National Domestic Violence Hotline  
At 1-800-799-SAFE



## The Miniature Earth

If the world's population were reduced 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:

- The Miniature Earth would have 60 Asians, 14 Africans, 12 Europeans, 8 Latin Americans, 5 from the USA and Canada, and 1 from the South Pacific
- 51 would be male, 49 would be female
- 82 would be non-white; 18 white
- 67 would be non-Christian; 33 would be Christian
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 67 would be unable to read
- 50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation
- 33 would be without access to a safe water supply
- 39 would lack access to improved sanitation
- 24 would not have any electricity (And of the 76 that do have electricity, most would only use it for light at night.)
- 7 people would have access to the Internet
- 1 would have a college education
- 1 would have HIV
- 2 would be near birth; 1 near death
- 5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth; all 5 would be US citizens
- 33 would be receiving --and attempting to live on-- only 3% of the income of "the village"

Why is the helpful to know?

It makes it easier to understand the differences in the world.

