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Defining Violence

Please read each of these scenarios carefully. Decide if you think the situation is violent or peaceful, or perhaps something in between. Explain your answer in as much detail as possible (using at least three sentences).

Example 1: Two people pass each other in a hallway. They pass each other without any eye contact, greeting, nod, or facial expression.

Example 2: A hunter shoots a deer for food.

Example 3: A woman points a gun toward a stranger and asks for his wallet. He gives it to her and she leaves with the money.

Example 4: A farmer sprays pesticides on his crops.

Example 5: A pilot drops bombs on a building containing people.

Example 6: Two young girls yell racial slurs at a peer as she passes.

Example 7: A man is unable to find a job to support his family.

Example 8: You slap and kill a mosquito.

Example 9: You tell someone at school that they are "stupid."

Example 10: Someone helps you find the right bus.

Example 11: A friend asks your opinion.

Example 12: A government decides to bulldoze a town to make a dam.

Example 13: A man throws an empty soda can from a car.

Example 14: A pilot drops bombs on a water treatment plant.

Example 15: One person hits another person in the stomach.