Inappropriate language intervention – scripted role play

Three people - Anna, Beth and Mary - each to read a part. First, read the description of the situation.

Anna, Beth and Mary are in a group of students who are standing around following an exam.

Anna: That was so unfair. He totally raped us with those questions on direct

effect.

Beth: It was pretty nasty. I just wanna cry now

Ending 1

Mary: It was pretty tough but not like getting raped. I don't like that analogy.

Ending 2: shifting the focus

[Mary walks off]

[Two hours later, Mary knocks on Anna's door]

Mary: Hiya, have you got a minute?

Anna: Hey where did you get to? One minute you were there then you disappeared. I was beginning to think it was something I said, haha.

Mary: Well actually it was. You know, I was pretty upset about you saying you were 'raped' by the exam.

Anna: Well it was a pretty bad exam

Mary: Yeah I get that, I know, it was awful, but for a person who has been raped. I mean, that's really serious, it's majorly traumatic - not like sitting a shitty exam. And if you use that term like that then it just makes it seem trivial.

Anna: Yeh, I hadn't thought of it like that

Mary: So do you think you passed?