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# Brenda Spencer

Using a new .22-caliber sniper rifle her dad gave her for Christmas, 5-foot-1 Brenda Spencer, age 16, opened fire on the campus across the street from her home as students arrived for class this morning at 8:30 am.

One of the first of the injured children was being helped by the school principal who was then killed by Brenda. The janitor then went to aid the principal, but he too was shot down by the petite blonde girl. More than 100 officers and 20 patrol units reached Grover Cleveland Elementary within minutes of the first shots being fired. Eight students and a police officer were also wounded by Brenda.

Police were able to call Brenda on the phone and she told them she had been drinking and taking barbiturates. When asked by police why she started firing on the children, she replied, "I don't like Mondays. This livens up the day."

## 1 WORD MATCH

*Worksheet 8*

## 2 MEASUREMENTS

Brenda is 5-foot-1, which is 5 feet and 1 inch tall.

How much is that in the metric system?

- How tall is everyone in your group in feet and inches?
- How much do you weigh in pounds and ounces?

## 3 IN PAIRS: FACT FILE

Make a **Fact File** on Brenda's background. Look for reasons why she ended up being a school shooter. Present your findings to your class.