

# WORKSHEET 3.1



## CYBER BULLYING WORD SEARCH

N O I T A T O H S N E E R C S  
M B L V E E N C O A T E E W T  
N O I S S I P I U G G N N X E  
E R B N S A S S L A I C O S L  
P E N I V U E A H A S S I N G  
A E D H L E U D G L Y I T Y C  
N U R C I E D I N T F M A S K  
S E X S E Y O O I M N O N A O  
S E E B O R N M G F Y B O S O  
P S U U E N Y B G D M I S K B  
U T I B S N M P A I Y L R F E  
B U Y L O T A H T S C S E M C  
L C G N I M A L F X I R P M A  
I H A R A S S M E N T T M I F  
C N O I T I B I H N I S I D B

Find these ten words associated with cyber bullying and then provide a definition for each. You might also find some other hidden words associated with cyber bullying. See how many you can get!

01. anonymity: \_\_\_\_\_

02. pseudonym: \_\_\_\_\_

03. tagging: \_\_\_\_\_

04. impersonation: \_\_\_\_\_

05. flaming: \_\_\_\_\_

06. exclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

07. harassment: \_\_\_\_\_

08. disinhibition: \_\_\_\_\_

09. mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

10. screenshot: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORKSHEET 3.2



# CYBER BULLYING CASE STUDIES

01

## MARTA'S ONLINE MESSAGING ORDEAL

Marta has lived in Ireland since she was a toddler. She is very athletic, and during the spring she was chosen to represent Ireland at the European Athletics Junior Championships in Sweden. Marta was really looking forward to going to Sweden but recently she's had some doubts about it. First, a competitor, who she barely knows, put a message on a social network saying 'maybe the governing bodies should check people's birth certs before handing out IRISH team spots'. Initially she didn't take any heed of

the comment. Marta has been an Irish citizen for more than ten years now and considers herself Irish through and through. However, since then, Marta has received a number of text messages and private online messages telling her to go back to where she came from and that she had better run for her life. She has no idea who the person behind the messages is. As the messages are private, she doesn't know how to report them. The messages are upsetting her so much that they've affected her training and she's now starting to think that she should give up her place on the team.

02

## STEVE'S NOT-SO-SWEET 16TH

Steve has always been a good student. He works hard because he has his sights set on being a teacher when he leaves school. Recently, he was at a 16th birthday party with a large group from school. When it came round to his turn in Truth or Dare, he was dared to kiss another boy in the group. Wanting to get his turn over and done with as quickly as possible, Steve turned to Ben beside him and gave him a quick peck. He thought it would all soon be forgotten about, but someone at the party

took a photo of the kiss and has circulated a meme of the picture with the caption 'so gay'. The picture is now all over the internet, along with plenty of comments saying that Steve was 'mad for Ben'. Steve doesn't know what to do. He wants to destroy the photo, but that doesn't seem possible. He's afraid of what his parents might think if they came across the photo. In fact, he himself doesn't know what to think because he's really not sure if he's straight or not. The thing that worries him most though is that the picture might be seen by a future employer and count against him. After all, Steve has never come across a gay teacher.

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03

### FIONA'S FACELESS FOES

If there's one thing that everyone knows about Fiona it's that she's a pop-music expert. She always knows who's top of the charts and has been to the last five Childline concerts in a row. Some people roll their eyes and say that she only gets to go because she's got Down Syndrome, but Fiona knows it's because she's the biggest fan! Recently, Fiona has started to receive anonymous questions and comments on one of her favourite social-network sites. Most of the questions are fun, but some are really

embarrassing as they ask her if she's with certain boys in her class. One of the main reasons she doesn't like these questions is that they annoy the boys, and sometimes they take their anger out on her by leaving rude messages on her page. Other comments ask her if she's not a bit old to be so into pop music and tell her to grow up. The comments are starting to get to Fiona because she doesn't know who's behind them and why they keep laughing at her. Just a year ago everyone was into pop music and admired the fact that she got to go to all the concerts.

04

### TOM'S NIGHTMARE DATE

Tom has never been very comfortable talking to girls. He's naturally shy, small for his age and just isn't able to crack the jokes the way some of the other lads do. He decided to give online chat rooms a go. While visiting a teen chat room, he got talking to a really nice girl called Rebecca. Rebecca and Tom clicked immediately when they realised that they shared a passion for scuba diving and were both preparing for the Junior Cert. After weeks of messaging each other, Tom and Rebecca decided to videocall so they could finally see each other. Tom was really nervous about the call and made sure to use lots of his older brother's hair gel before calling. When he called Rebecca, something went wrong with her computer and her video camera wouldn't work. Tom heard lots of laughter

in the background but presumed that was just because Rebecca was as nervous as he was. After Rebecca had complimented Tom on his appearance, she said that she'd like him even better if she could see a bit more of him. Spurred on by her encouragement, Tom stripped down to his shorts. Rebecca seemed to be very happy with this. The next day in school everyone knew about Tom and Rebecca's video date but Tom couldn't understand why. It wasn't until he saw the video of him stripping his clothes off that Tom realised that Rebecca hadn't been real at all and that some of the people in school had actually recorded his video 'date.' Tom has never been more humiliated. Everybody in the whole town has seen the video, and all the comments on the video joke that Tom looks about eight years old.

05

### ONE FRAPE TOO MANY FOR SEÁN

Seán and his friends are always messing about online. They have an ongoing competition for who pulls off the best frape and are always trying to get the upper hand on each other. It was all good craic until recently one of the lads took over Seán's social-media account and changed the password. Since then, Seán

hasn't been able to get into his account but the lads have continued to post under his name. He doesn't really care what they say about him but they've started spreading lots of rumours and gossip under his name. It's making Seán very unpopular in school. Some of the gossip has been about teachers, and, now the Principal has heard that Seán is behind the gossip, there's sure to be trouble.

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06

### SAM GETS TAGGED

Nothing annoys Sam more than labels. She's always been very open-minded. Her parents have been happy to let her make her own decisions, and it's a good thing they do because Sam just couldn't conform even if she wanted to. She's the sort of person who likes heavy metal and boyband pop equally. She knows her own mind and is comfortable with who she is. One area where Sam struggles is in school. She attends the local girls' school because it's the best school in the area, but she really does find it hard to act and dress in a manner the school deems appropriate. She prefers to keep her hair short and spiked, and even though the school requires students to wear skirts, she keeps her PE tracksuit bottoms on whenever she can get

away with it. Recently, some of the girls in her class have started hassling her about the way she acts. One girl has commented on a few of her pictures online asking her why she can't just dress the way she's supposed to. Another girl has started checking Sam in online to the local boys' school each morning. She has also tagged Sam in pictures from the boys' school, even though Sam isn't in the pictures. When Sam asked the girl why she's doing this, the girl said, 'Well, you dress like a boy, you might as well go to a boys' school!' The whole thing has started to upset Sam. She's worried that people will start to think that she is in the boys' school when the girls tag her there and that she might get detention for mitching. The last thing she needs is another reason for the school to get on her case.

07

### CATHY'S LEFT OUT OF THE CONVERSATION

Cathy has just moved to a new school, and her parents say that this time they'll be staying put. Finally Cathy hopes she'll be able to make friends with people her age. She soon gets into the swing of things in school and swaps mobile-phone numbers with some girls who seem to be nice. She'd love to hang out with the girls after school or at the weekend rather than being stuck minding her younger siblings. The girls text each other every night and soon plan to go shopping at the weekend. One of the other girls' older sisters will pick them up and drop them into town. Cathy passes on her

address and looks forward to seeing them on Saturday. However, on Saturday nobody turns up. Cathy tries calling the girls but gets no answer. When, on Monday in school, she asks the girls what happened, one of them makes an excuse that that they moved the text conversation to a messaging app that she mustn't have. They say it's easier and cheaper to plan things using the app and that she'll need to get the app if she wants to be involved in future. Cathy knows that her parents couldn't afford to get her a fancy smartphone. Anyway, she gets the feeling that the girls are deliberately trying to exclude her. As a Traveller, she's experienced this all before.

