

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1..... a hacker | a. someone who regularly hurts or frightens someone |
| 2..... to pick on | b. a person who uses a computer illegally to get private information |
| 3..... to whisper | c. to unfairly criticise or be unkind to one particular person |
| 4..... to pound | d. a photo you take of yourself |
| 5..... a selfie | e. to talk very quietly |
| 6..... a bully | f. to beat repeatedly and loudly |
| 7..... a freak | g. to flash on and off |
| 8..... to blink | h. someone who others consider to be abnormal or strange |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

- | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Kay knows that lots of different people are sending her the messages. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Becky is the only friend Kay feels she can trust. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Kay has tried to block the messages. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Kay feels like people on the school bus are laughing at her. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Kay is not upset by the messages. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Mrs Gibson doesn't know how to help Kay. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Kay sees that someone has set up a website with horrible photos of her and her family on it. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. After seeing the website, Kay can't stand to be in school any longer. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. The only person Kay wants to speak to that week is Becky. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. Becky is pleased to see Kay. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 11. Kay discovers that Becky is the bully. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 12. Becky doesn't get caught. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Write the word to fill the gaps.

1. Kay had always _____ on well with everyone and couldn't think why anyone would do this to her.
2. There were more messages every day now and it was getting her _____.
3. 'Stop taking photos _____ yourself. No one wants to look at you. Loser!'
4. Kay didn't know who it was or why they were picking _____ her.
5. Becky was waiting _____ her at the bus stop.
6. 'I've got to do something, Becky. I'm starting to _____ mad.'
7. 'Ollie Jones?' 'Well, you did finish with him, didn't you?' said Becky. 'What? We weren't even going _____,' said Kay.
8. Mrs Gibson said the police were getting better _____ finding cyberbullies.
9. Becky was in her bedroom doing homework _____ her computer.
10. There was a photo of Becky and Ollie. It looked _____ a selfie.

3. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1–8) to put these sentences in order.

- | | |
|-------|--|
| | Becky was waiting for Kay at the bus stop. |
| | Kay saw Julie McGann on the bus. |
| | Becky thought Kay looked terrible. |
| | Kay's class was already in the computer room when she arrived. |
| | Mrs Gibson found Kay in the art room. |
| | Kay got a message from candybear76. |
| | Kay waited in Becky's room. |
| | Kay didn't go to school for the rest of the week. |