Reading Section

12 In your notebook, connect the words with their definitions.

a. A cyberbully.
b. A freak.
c. Screenshot.
d. Social media.
e. A nightmare.

i. Take a picture of your computer or phone's screen.
ii. A bad dream.
iii. Someone who uses computers or mobile phones to hurt.
iv. An unkind name for someone who is strange or different.
v. Websites and applications where users share content.

13 Read the story and answer.

While Reading
How did the cyberbullying start?

Glossary, page 116

Samuel's Bullying Testimony

I like using social media and when I heard about Questions.com I created an account. People post questions for me to answer. I love having fun and I thought we could joke around sending each other funny messages.

At first, I kept laughing and joking, but after a while I started getting cruel and mean messages from an anonymous person. I received messages every day. These were saying things like, "You're rubbish at baseball," and "you are a freak." The bully kept sending these messages for three weeks, but then, the longer I ignored the cyberbully the meaner the messages got. I then decided to reply saying, "Stop sending me these messages," and "LEAVE ME ALONE," but the cyberbully kept going calling me a "coward."

I didn't want to worry my parents and I was embarrassed to tell my friends. It finally got to the point where it became a nightmare. I decided to tell my coach at my baseball club because I get on really well with him and showed him the messages. He told me to screenshot the messages and save

everything and then delete my account. Once my account was deleted, I got a text from a friend asking why I had deleted it. It turned out he was the cyberbully, but he thought it was funny. I asked him why he sent the abusive messages, and he said he "was joking." He thought I knew who was doing it and didn't realize the impact it had on me.

After talking about it, he realized how bad I had felt, and he promised nothing like that would ever happen again. He asked me to forgive him, and I did.

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14 **Order the pictures according to the text and write the part where it belongs.**

Example

Samuel creates an account.

A

C

B

D

15 **Replace the words in bold using a synonym.**

a. I thought we could **joke** around sending each other funny messages.

Example

I thought we could fool around sending each other funny messages.

b. I started getting **cruel** and **mean** messages from an anonymous person.

c. I was **embarrassed** to tell my friends.

d. I got a text from a friend asking why I had **deleted** it.

e. He promised nothing like that would ever **happen again**.

16 **Get into groups and answer the following questions.**

a. Why is it important to avoid cyberbullying?

b. What are the dangers of cyberbullying?

c. What would you do if you found yourself in a similar situation?

Reflect!

- How do you stay safe online?
- What do you think the image means?

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