

1. Read the text and match underlined words/phrases to their meanings below.

Bullying is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours or threatening somebody. It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. **Cyberbullying** is bullying that takes place through electronic technologies such as mobile phones, apps, social network websites or online forums. Cyber bullying is hurtful because it makes victims feel hopeless, helpless, powerless, and alone all at the same time. Children and teens who are cyber bullied often feel ashamed and guilty too, as they are made to believe that it's their fault they're being bullied (i.e., that they "deserve it" for some reason). There are many reasons why kids and teens become cyber bullies. Usually however, cyber bullies have some sort of insecurity. To protect their egos and feel superior, they make others feel bad about themselves. Some cyber bullies see it as a means to gain popularity and others do it to feel powerful or escape their own problems. At times, cyber bullies themselves may be bullying victims so they "prey" on other people to feel better about themselves.

- a) someone who has been harmed, injured, or killed as the result of a crime:
- b) to harm someone who is weak or cannot defend themselves:
- c) the act of insulting someone by calling them rude names:
- d) better or more important than other people:
- e) saying unofficial information that may or may not be true:
- f) feeling guilty or embarrassed:

2. Look at the list of examples of cyberbullying and complete them with the words given.

a) threatening

b) posting

c) creating

d) texting

e) tricking

f) pretending

g) forwarding

h) posting

- • or emailing insults or nasty rumours about someone
- • mean comments about someone on Facebook or other social media sites
- • someone through email or other technology
- • someone into sharing embarrassing information
- • private text messages to hurt or embarrass someone
- • embarrassing photos or videos of someone
- • to be someone else online to get that person in trouble or embarrass them
- • a website to make fun of someone