



Propósito: Interpreta opiniones en textos de lectura sobre el matoneo, la violencia en las ciudades y situaciones de conflicto para relacionarlas con sugerencias o consejos.

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## VOCABULARY WARMING

Match the synonyms

1. abusive	a. combination
2. constitutes	b. carried out
3. escalation	c. statistics
4. conducted	d. amounts to
5. figures	e. nasty
6. revealed	f. insulting
7. mix	g. ability
8. competence	h. upsurge
9. vile	i. result in
10. lead to	j. showed

## Teachers cyber-bullied by students and parents

Children as young as seven are posting abusive and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter, according to new research. Even worse, some of the children's parents are adding their comments to what constitutes a serious escalation in the cyber-bullying of educators.

The British teaching union NASUWT conducted a survey of more than 7,500 teachers. It found that almost half of teachers had reported abuse to the school, police or the website on which the insults were posted. Other figures show that more than 20 per cent of teachers felt they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were from under-elevens. The survey revealed that 64% of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and the rest a mix of both. Many of the comments related to teachers' appearance, competence, and sexuality.

Chris Keates, NASUWT general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers from the abuse of social media by pupils and parents." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by the vile nature of the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach once they see foul and personal remarks made by pupils in their classes and have left the profession." Many teachers are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would lead to more trouble.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

1. How old are the youngest children posting on social networks?	a) 7	6. What was the percentage of comments from parents?	a) 50%
b) 6	c) 5	b) 64%	c) 38.751%
d) 4		d) 27%	
2. What is there a serious escalation in?	a) teachers joining a union	7. Why did a union official say steps needed to be taken?	a) to educate children
b) teachers quitting their jobs	c) cyber-bullying of teachers	b) the elevators had broken	c) to protect teachers
d) the number of surveys teachers take		d) because the Internet is unsafe	
3. What / Who conducted a survey of teachers?	a) a school	8. How do the teachers feel about the vile nature of the abuse?	a) demolished
b) a social network site	c) the British police	b) devastated	c) driven
d) a teaching union		d) devalued	
4. How many teachers had reported abuse?	a) 7,500	9. What have some teachers lost?	a) their job
b) almost half	c) a quarter of a million	b) their whiteboard eraser	c) confidence
d) 20%		d) Internet connection	
5. What proportion of under-eleven-year-olds made comments?	a) 3%	10. Why are many teachers afraid to report abuse?	a) it will lead to more comments
b) 24%	c) 50%	b) they think there'll be more trouble	c) to keep their password safe
d) 64%		d) they fear someone will attack them	

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should students be punished for abusive comments?
- c) Should the police get involved in stopping this abuse?
- d) What would you do if you found dozens of vile comments about you?
- e) Are teachers treated well in your country?
- f) What questions would you like to ask the head of the union?

