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Abbie's bullying story

Me and Tasha live on the same street and she was my BFF for a while. But then we were put in different form groups and I couldn't see Tasha as much, so I made some new friends.

A few weeks later I got invited to someone's Halloween party and she didn't. Tasha was upset about it and told me not to go, but I didn't think that was fair so I went anyway.

After that, things got really strange at school. People started avoiding me and laughing behind my back. Then I saw my name in a web address on the girls' toilet wall. When I looked it up, I felt sick. It was full of text that I'd written in secret to Tasha and she'd even posted some fake messages that she'd written herself. She made me look really bad. And for weeks and weeks she just kept adding more stuff and it got more and more likes.

One day in IT I found the whole classroom laughing at a picture of me asleep on the bus with my mouth open, and I couldn't take it any more. I ran out of school and went home crying. My mum called the headmaster and he made Tasha shut the site down. Tasha's parents made her come over and say sorry.

It would be nice if I could say that I'd forgiven her, but loads of people saw that website and you can still find those pictures if you search for them. Because of Tasha, I worry about it all the time.

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1. Match them up!

Match the words with the definitions.



your BFF	In private
to avoid	Things
behind someone's back	Your best friend
in secret	Computer or technology class
fake	To accept or deal with a bad situation
stuff	To stay away from someone or something
IT	When the person isn't there
to take it	Not real

2. What's the order?



Watch the video and put the sentences in order.

	Tasha wrote horrible messages online about Abbie.
	Tasha said sorry.
1	Abbie and Tasha were in the same class and they were best friends.
	Abbie went to the Halloween party without Tasha.
	Abbie told an adult.
	Abbie found things about her online.
	Tasha was angry with Abbie.
	Someone invited Abbie to a Halloween party, but they didn't invite Tasha.

3. Choose the answer!



Watch the video. Underline the correct answer.

- a. Tasha asked Abbie not to go to the party. Why did Abbie go?
- To make Tasha feel bad.
- Because she thought it was fair.
- To make new friends.
- b. How did things get strange at school?
- Abbie's classmates wrote horrible messages to her.
- Abbie's classmates didn't invite her to more parties.
- Abbie's classmates avoided her and laughed behind her back.
- c. What did Tasha post online?
- Private messages from Abbie.
- Private messages from Abbie and some things that weren't true.
- Private messages from Abbie, some things that weren't true and a horrible photo.
- d. What did the class think about the online posts?
- They felt sick.
- They 'liked' them.
- They thought they were wrong.
- e. Which adult did Abbie tell?
- The headmaster.
- Tasha's parents.
- Her mum.
- f. How did Abbie feel after Tasha said sorry?
- She still felt upset with Tasha, because you can still find those photos.
- She was really angry and stopped using the internet.
- She felt much better.