

READING COMPREHENSION ~ An information leaflet

• CYBERBULLYING •

AND HOW TO DEAL WITH IT

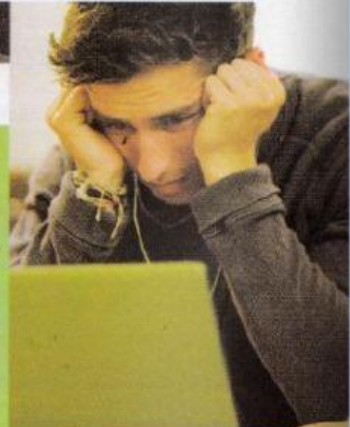


Someone is sending you nasty messages or posting rude comments about you on the internet. Should you ignore them or do something about it? Do you need advice about what to do? Read these five tips.

- 1 Don't reply. Bullies love it when they get a reaction, so don't let them know they're causing you stress.
- 2 Block the horrible messages. The best thing to do is to avoid all electronic communication so the bully can't get through to you. If you really can't live without using your phone or social networking sites, use filters to block the unkind messages. If someone bullies you in a chat room, don't get into an argument with them. You should report the messages to the chat room moderator.
- 3 Talk to someone. You mustn't try to deal with the problem on your own. Ask for help – from your parents, a teacher or another adult you can trust. Some victims of cyberbullying feel the problem is their fault and they delay getting help. You don't have to put up with the bullying, and the sooner the bully knows this, the better.
- 4 Save the evidence. If you have been the victim of online bullying, then you've probably got written proof of it. You can save the messages, print them out and show them to someone who'll take action to stop it. It might be your teacher or even the police.
- 5 Help the victims of cyberbullying. Don't encourage cyberbullies as this will make the problem worse. You shouldn't be afraid to report the bullies if they continue sending hurtful messages to someone you know.

Word check

ignore block get through to filter put up with victim proof



Read the advice leaflet. Answer the questions. Your answer must **not be more than six words**.

1) What is cyberbullying?

It is sending _____ of someone on the internet.

2) Give two ways of stopping a bully from communicating with you.

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3) What is the best way to deal with bullying in a chat room?

_____ to the chat room moderator.

4) Some people don't ask for help with this problem immediately. Why not?

They _____.

5) If you receive messages from a cyberbully, who could you show them to?

_____.

Extra questions that are not from Pulse 2

Answer the questions below. Your answer must **not be longer than three words**.

- 1) If we react to the nasty comments made by a cyberbully, he would like it because he knows he is causing you to .
- 2) We can block unkind messages with .
- 3) When someone sends you disturbing messages in the chat room, we should report them to the .
- 4) If you are a victim of cyberbullying, you must not delay in getting help. You can talk to your or another adult you can trust.
- 5) To deal with cyberbullying, we must like messages or pictures.
- 6) With evidence of bullying, we may even go to the for further action.
- 7) Don't encourage cyberbullies as it will make the problem .
- 8) Don't be the bullies if they continue to hurt you or someone you know.

Find a word from the text with the meaning below.

- 9) a worried or nervous feeling that troubles you →
- 10) the person-in-charge →