

# **Course: Advance**

## **Level 2**

Day №15

***Have you ever been bullied before?***



***Have you ever bullied anyone before?***

**Situation:** *Trish is a high school student. She has been the victim of some upsetting messages and behavior. Is she being cyber bullied? What should she do?*

**Shione:** Trish, you look upset. What's wrong?

**Trish:** Look at this message on my cell phone.

**Shione:** *Everybody hates you..* What?! Who sent that??

**Trish:** I don't know. I've had strange things happening to me lately. Someone posted an embarrassing photo of me onto my blog-taken while I was changing clothes in gym class.

**Shione:** What? Someone at school did that?

**Trish:** I don't know who it was. Probably one of the girls at school did it as a joke.

**Shione:** A joke?! That's not funny; that's sick! Anything else?

**Trish:** Sometimes, I've been getting messages like this one- *No one likes you. Or your clothes are ugly.* But each time the sender is different and I don't recognize them.



**Shione:** Someone's trying to bully you! Any idea who it could be?

**Trish:** Not really. One strange thing happened, though. I'm in this tennis circle with Jenna and she was supposed to send everyone messages about practices. But I never received any-even though everyone else got them.

**Shione:** Well did you ask her about it?

**Trish:** Yeah. She just said that the problem must be with my email account. But I've never had that problem before. And why would Jenna be so mean to me? She's one of the most popular people in school.

**Shione:** Sometimes popular people don't like competition. I really think we need to talk to a teacher or get help figuring out where these messages are coming from.

**Trish:** No! That will just make things worse. It's probably just a joke.

**Shione:** Trish, we have to tell someone.

**Trish:** No, please! Just forget about it.



## Read and Understand

1. Why is Trish upset?
2. What other things have happened to Trish lately?
3. Who is doing those things to Trish?
4. What does Shione think Trish should do?
5. What does Trish think she should do?





## Giving advice

*What advice would you give to Trish? Do you think she should report it to the teacher or not?*



## ***Why do some people like to bully others?***

**He'd better give  
me what I  
want.**

**Oh no! What  
does he want  
now?**



# Signs of being a **BULLY**

1. Do you pick on people who are smaller than you?
2. Do you like to tease or taunt other people?
3. Do you like seeing the people you tease get upset?
4. Do you think it's funny when people make mistakes?
5. Do you like taking other people's belongings?
6. Do you want other people to see you as the toughest person in town?
7. Do you get angry a lot and stay angry for a long time?
8. Do you blame others for things that go wrong in your life?
9. Do you like getting revenge on people who hurt you?
10. When you play a game, do you always have to be the winner?
11. If you lose at something, do you worry about what other people will think of you?
12. Do you get angry or jealous when someone succeeds?

**A** ☐**B** ☐**C** ☐



# Who do you agree with?



**Susan:** Shione is overreacting. Teenagers play these kinds of jokes all the time.



**Yeok-Suk:** Maybe Trish did something to attract negative attention. She should think about her own actions.

**Ken:** Sometimes popular people take jokes too far. It's not fair to others.



**Luis:** Bullying is wrong and illegal. Trish needs to get help.



# Let's learn some idioms

❑ **Bully someone into something** - *to harass or threaten someone into doing something.*

i.e. The coach tried to bully them into agreeing to stay late and practice.

❑ **Bully for you!**

- *an expression that praises someone or someone's courage. (Dated, but still heard.)*

i.e. The audience shouted, "Bravo! Bully for you!"

- *a sarcastic phrase belittling someone's statement or accomplishment.*

i.e. Mary: I won a certificate good for a free meal! Sally: Bully for you!

❑ **a bully pulpit** - *an important job or position that someone can use to persuade other people to accept their ideas*

i.e. The presidency is a wonderful bully pulpit to convince the country of the need for a balanced budget.

***Thank you for  
today!***

***I'm looking forward to  
seeing you again!***