



## Unit 2 – Focus on

### 2. When rumours escalate: Stacey's story

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**Man:** She just made a comment about a girl's boyfriend. Here's what happened to her.

**Stacey:** One time, this... me and this girl got into a disagreement because her friend saw me comment her boyfriend. She thought something was going on, so she got mad and then her friend started like harassing me on Myspace. What they did was they would post bulletins. Like, "Oh, she is so stupid." She started messaging me and telling me, "Oh, you'd better watch out," threatening me and stuff. I was mad. I was so mad just that like... somebody would stoop that low and not actually call me out to my face. Cos' everyone knew who she was talking about, and everybody knew like... that she was talking about me. People post pictures and tag them and put down comments and stuff like that. People talk really big when there's like miles between you. And if I didn't have my friends then I probably wouldn't have made it. It still hurts, like I remember telling my mum and my mum was mad. She was like, "You should call the school, you should do this, should do that." That would just make it worse.