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## **Level 5**

# **Teachers cyber-bullied by students and parents**

**27th April, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

Seven-year-olds are posting abuse and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such as Facebook, according to new research. Even worse, some of their parents are adding their comments. This is a serious escalation in the cyber-bullying of teachers. A British teaching union 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. Over 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 by both. Many were about teachers' appearance, ability, and sexuality. The union's general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers from the abuse of social media." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by the vile nature of the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach...and have left the profession." Many teachers are afraid to report the abuse. They think it would lead to more trouble.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10777369/School-pupils-trolling-teachers-with-vile-abuse-on-Facebook-and-Twitter.html>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1246231/teachers-subjected-to-online-abuse-by-pupils>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Seven-year-olds are    | a. to new research     |
| 2. social                 | b. been cyber-bullied  |
| 3. according              | c. networking websites |
| 4. This is a serious      | d. union               |
| 5. A British teaching     | e. under-elevens       |
| 6. half of teachers had   | f. posting abuse       |
| 7. teachers felt they had | g. escalation          |
| 8. the comments were from | h. reported abuse      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. comments were made by           | a. nature of the abuse |
| 2. Many were about teachers'       | b. secretary           |
| 3. The union's general             | c. confidence to teach |
| 4. It is clear that steps          | d. pupils              |
| 5. protect teachers from the abuse | e. to more trouble     |
| 6. devastated by the vile          | f. appearance          |
| 7. Some have lost their            | g. of social media     |
| 8. They think it would lead        | h. need to be taken    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

Seven-year-olds (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and damaging comments about their teachers on social networking websites such as Facebook, according to new research. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of their parents are adding their comments. This is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the cyber-bullying of teachers. A British teaching union (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of more than 7,500 teachers. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ half of teachers had reported abuse to the school, police or the website. Over 20 per cent of teachers felt they had been cyber-bullied in the past year. Three per cent of the comments were (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The survey (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the comments were made by pupils, 27% by parents, and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Many were about teachers' appearance, (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The union's general secretary, said: "It is clear that steps need to be taken to protect teachers from the (10) \_\_\_\_\_." She added: "Teachers are often devastated by (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the abuse they are suffering. Some have lost their confidence to teach...and have left the profession." Many teachers are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the abuse. They think it would lead to more trouble.

# CYBER-BULLYING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140427-cyberbullying.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cyber-bullying in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

