



# Bullying/Cyberbullying Prevention



Think about:





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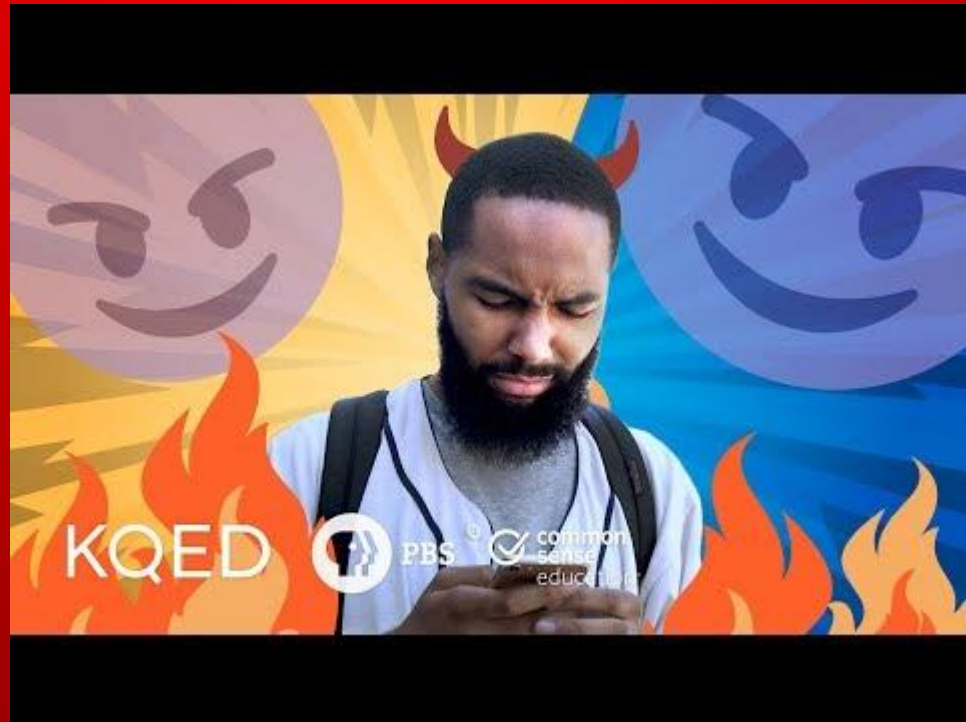
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to take the short pre-test.



Is the  
internet  
making  
you  
meaner?



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# Online disinhibition effect:

*When people act differently online than they would in real life*

Although online disinhibition can sometimes lead to positive outcomes, it can often cause people to make hostile or mean comments. These comments can cause toxic drama and can even lead to cyberbullying. To counter this effect, we can PAUSE before we post and think about how online disinhibition -- anonymity, lag time, and lack of nonverbal cues -- might be impacting our ideas and words.



# Talk about it:

Scenario:	Question 1:	Question 2:
<p>A teenager posts pictures from his vacation, and people from his school post mean comments making fun of what he's doing and how he looks.</p>	<p>How might anonymity, lag time, or lack of nonverbal cues be affecting this situation?</p>	<p>What could be done to counter online disinhibition in this situation?</p>





## David's Law

# Family of 16-Year-Old Boy Who Died of Suicide After Relentless Cyberbullying Speaks Out

"He said he could never go back to school. He just felt like everyone hated him," Maurine Molak tells PEOPLE

<https://people.com/human-interest/david-molak-family-speaks-out-after-suicide/>



# David's Law

## Education Code

Under David's Law, Texas public schools will have authority to address cyberbullying that occurs off campus. Schools will be able to expel students who engage in serious bullying.

## Civil Code

Victims will be able to have the court issue a protective order against not only the cyberbully, but also against his/her parents, requiring those parents to take action to stop their child from cyberbullying.

## Criminal Code

Students can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor with a fine up to \$2,000 and 180 days jail time or a Class A misdemeanor with up to \$4,000 in fines and 1yr. jail time for harassing anyone under the age of 18 through text messages, social media, websites, apps, or other means; Parents of students who cyberbully others may also be held responsible if they could have intervened but did not.





What did you learn?

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Stand up against  
bullying/cyberbullying!

**Ways to be an Upstander:**

Tell the bully to stop.

Help the victim rather than  
being a silent bystander.

Tell a trusted adult.

Report anonymously:  
[anonymoualerts.com/littleelms](http://anonymoualerts.com/littleelms)  
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