



It's done, we're signed up! Can't wait to play hockey all winter with my BFF Jane!



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**Thomas:** Hey, nice jersey Ashley! LOL! @William I think you just lost your girlfriend :p



**Alicia:** Yeah, sure looks that way! :p



**William:** Come on guys! So what, my girlfriend plays hockey with my sister once a week . . . We're not going to stop seeing each other!!!!



**Thomas:** LOL! The guy loses his girlfriend to his *sister*! Sooo pathetic! Hockey, girls, locker rooms . . . Makes sense, they're definitely dykes! Gross!



**Ashley:** WHAAAT?!!!! I'm with Will, not Jane! 🤢  
I'm not like the other girls on the team, I have a boyfriend!



**William:** Shut up Thomas, my sister's not gay, and neither is my girlfriend! You're just jealous because Ashley always beats you in gym class.



**Alicia:** How would you know @William? I mean, COME ON! Your sister borrows your clothes, she never talks about boys . . . and then there's the hockey thing! LOL! Wake up! Thomas is right!  $1 + 1 = 2$ !!



**Thomas :** I'd rather lose to a dyke than be related to one . . . or worse, go out with one! Puke!



**Alicia:** @Thomas, you're such a jerk. Come on Ashley, nobody cares if you're a lesbian, so just stop pretending! You and William are totally fake and everybody knows it. Nobody cares anymore! Besides, you and Jane look good together! ❤️ Sorry Will! 😞

Q1

In the preceding discussion, which characters talk like a *homophobius* (exhibit hostile homophobic behaviour)?

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Q2

How is hostile homophobic behaviour evident in this discussion?

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Q3

How will Jane feel at the end of this discussion . . .

- a) if she is heterosexual?
- b) if she is lesbian or bisexual?

- c) if she is unsure about her sexual orientation?
- d) if she is in love with Ashley?

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What effects could this discussion have on these people and their relationships?

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Q4

Q5

How does Thomas feel when he learns that Ashley and Jane have signed up for the girls' hockey team?

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Q6

How could these people show openness in this situation?

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REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU ARE A GIRL OR A BOY, YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST YOU AND BRING YOU JOY. Self-confidence can allow you to express your preferences and interests and, perhaps, to contribute to the richness of diversity!

And it's important to remember that a person's sexual orientation is not determined by his or her interests or recreational activities—you must therefore overcome whatever prejudices and stereotypes you may hold and respect each person as a unique individual!

The type of sport a person plays is not an indicator of his or her sexual orientation. A boy who does figure skating is not necessarily gay, just as a girl who plays hockey is not necessarily a lesbian.

How can we fight against homophobia in sports?  
What do you think can be done to counter it?