



TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL? THAT IS THE QUESTION!

PART
1

QUESTIONS

- What do you think happened?
- How and why did Mackenzie access Charles' profile?
- What consequences might Charles suffer as a result of what was posted?
- How do you think Charles will feel when he sees what has happened?
- Do you think Mackenzie would have started the rumour at school if he couldn't have done it behind Charles' back? Why?
- What could Mackenzie have done that evening, when he was sitting in front of his computer, to avoid putting his plan into action?
- If Livia knew what Mackenzie had done to Charles, what would she think of him?
- What do you think happened next?

CONTEXT

Mackenzie and Charles are in the same class this year, and sit next to each other. They aren't best friends, but they're slowly getting to know each other because they hang out with the same people. Charles has had a crush on Livia, a girl in Grade 5, for at least a year. He'd like to talk to her, but he's shy. Mackenzie has just found out that he and Charles are both secretly in love with Livia. He's angry and jealous because Charles is already friends with Livia on Facebook and has known her for longer.

A few hours later, all Charles' friends see these messages on his wall:


Charles is in a relationship with Amandine.
Two minutes ago



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Amandine to Charles

Finally I can say it! I really like you and I can't wait to see you!!!<3



Matt Damon: WHAT!?!?%% o_0



Bruce Wayne: SAY WHAT? I just knew it. Hahaha! ><



Beyoncé: Er . . . OK.



Taylor Swift: Wow, that's cool :) I hope it lasts!



Robert Pattinson: What a surprise, Charles! ;)

In the following hours and days, the rumour quickly spreads around the school.



Charles | + new message | Actions | Inbox

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- What are the consequences of creating an account using false information (false name and age)?
- What might the consequences be for Mackenzie?
- Following his conversation with his friends, do you think Mackenzie feels more empathy for Charles? Why?
- Now, in the classroom or using the “Be cyber cool” platform, share what you would like to write on Charles’ wall.

CONTEXT

Four days later . . .

Mackenzie logs in to his account and accesses a group conversation with his friends Sam and Michael.



Mackenzie

Hey, have you seen Charles?



Sam

Well . . . he hasn't been at school for four days.



Michael

Apparently **some1 hacked** his account and made it look like he was going out with Amandine!



Mackenzie

I know, haha, I did it!



Sam

It's not funny. He's stopped coming to school and he's not answering his texts. I think it's because of what happened. When I called him, his parents said he didn't want to talk to anyone. Also, his parents must have found out that he was on Facebook, and they didn't want him to be. He isn't even 13.



Mackenzie

Relax, he must be sick.



Sam

Whatever. I think you should apologize. You shouldn't do things like that, especially not to one of your friends!



Michael

Look, he'll get over it. If Mackenzie apologizes, Charles will know who did it.



Sam

Charles is a good guy, he doesn't deserve this. Mike, you've been friends since first grade!!! You know that he would never hurt anyone.



Mackenzie

Well, anyway, I'm off. Ciao.

BE IN THE KNOW!

Did you know you shouldn't share your passwords with other people? It can get you into trouble! Second, if someone creates a false account, it should be reported quickly. You can find out how to do this in the “Help” sections of the different platforms, and there are often options that allow you to report inappropriate posts as well. Lastly, if you circulate a rumour, it may be considered harmful to a person's reputation or an invasion of the person's privacy under the *Civil Code of Québec* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms* (chapter C-12). Everyone at school, students and adults alike, is entitled to protection of their reputation and privacy. Think about it!