Lesson 3: Hate Speech



Activity Sheet 1:

Bullying or Hate Speech

The following passages describe examples of either hate speech or bullying incidents.

You will decide if this is an example of hate speech or bullying, then you will decide the category of hate speech or bullying the comment is based on.

	Scenario	This comment is an example of:	This comment is based on:
1.	Niamh and John are classmates and have a chemistry assignment together. After the assignment is completed, John meets with his	hate speech	gender stereotypes
	friends and discusses the following with them:	bullying	assumptions about girls
	"I found working with Niamh difficult. Girls should not engage in science!"		
2.	TV news on Friday night have a guest of the LGBTQ+ community talking about their rights. After some time, the host makes the	hate speech	sexual orientation
	following comment:	bullying	racial discrimination
	"Gay people should not be allowed to join the army."		about a specific group
3.	Mary feels so lonely at school. One day after class she sees a picture of herself posted on	hate speech	calling names
	Instagram with the following comment:	bullying	gender stereotypes
	"Mary is so fat. How can she fit through the doors?"		

4.	Mark and George are at the bus stop, waiting for the bus to go home after school. They listen to two random people discussing	hate speech	assumptions
	the following: "Wheelchairs take up too much space on the bus."	bullying	discrimination against a group
5.	Sarah hangs out with her friends and they discuss and laugh about the following:	hate speech	sexual comments
	"Steve smells so bad. We should not hang out with him any more."	bullying	exclusion
6.	Lucy's parents are watching the news about the pandemic in Wuhan. Her father makes the following comment:	hate speech	assumptions
	"Those Chinese Covid makers are like rats and contaminate everyone around them."	bullying	discrimination against a group
7.	Jenny is scrolling on Facebook and comes across a group for mothers. The description of the group is as follows:	hate speech	religious discrimination
	"White women only. No black women allowed."	bullying	racial discrimination
8.	Luke and his football team mates are all in a WhatsApp group. After a long discussion about the match, a guy in the	hate speech	spreading rumours
	group posts a message about Luke:	bullying	exclusion
	"Luke, it's some joke that you were playing today. You were only playing because your dad and the coach are friends."		



Activity Sheet 2:

How to respond to Hate Speech

Instructions Think of an example of a hate speech comment that you might have seen or heard recently online or in person.

Write the potential causes of the hate speech comment on the roots of the tree and its effect on the branches. Then, write on the clouds the actions you can take to tackle this incident.

