Is it Fair?

Time needed: 15-30 minutes
Recommended Level: Grade 5-8

Categories: Cyberbullying, Friendship issues, Role playing
Common Core Standard(s): Listening & Speaking, Reading informational text, writing to convey information
Purpose(s): Students will discuss password security and online safety and will think about what they would do in a cyberbullying situation.

DISCUSSION:

Open the discussion with asking students:

- · How many of you have a Facebook account?
- How many of you share your passwords?
- How many of you have ever logged onto a computer where someone else's previous page is still up? What did you do?
- How many of you have used an account that belonged to someone else, even with their permission?
- How many of you have ever been tempted to log into someone else's account?

ACTIVITY:

After discussion, hand out the worksheet titled Is it Fair? Read Tasha's story and follow up with a discussion.

FOLLOW-UP:

You may also choose to ask students what they would do if they were Lindsay? How could they fix this issue with their friend?



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Tasha has a Facebook account. Last week, her friend Lindsay came over to hang out. While Lindsay was over, Tasha logged into Facebook and Lindsay saw her username and password. A few days later, Tasha logged into Facebook, only to discover that someone has been on her page. This person had made mean comments on other people's pages and posted inappropriate things as Tasha's status, pretending to be Tasha!

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What's the Problem? What do you think happened?
How would you feel if you were Tasha? Explain why.
Think About It! Many teens like Tasha have a Facebook account. Is it fair when someone else goes into their private account online and posts hurtful comments? Why?
Find a Solution What should Tasha do when she finds these hurtful comments?
What could Tasha say to Lindsay?

Take Action!

What can teens do if a person online makes them feel angry, sad, or scared?