



WHAT CAN I SAY OR DO ON FACEBOOK?

When Juliette gets home she is in quite a state! She can't believe that that thieving Marie-Christine took advantage of the fact that Juliette wasn't at Friday night's party to hit on Nicolas, Juliette's crush.

Juliette, who was away at a swimming competition all weekend, missed the party at Jean-Philippe's house, to which all the cute guys from the city's hockey team had been invited.

Therefore, it was only on Monday at lunchtime that Juliette found out that her former best friend had used the opportunity to go behind her back and hit on Nicolas, on whom Juliette had had a crush for several weeks.

But Marie-Christine's not going to get away with it so easily! The entire school has to know that she's a hypocrite who can't be trusted.

Juliette therefore decides to post on her Facebook status that Marie-Christine steals guys from other girls and that she'd better watch out if she doesn't want to get "beat up". Juliette adds that Marie-Christine had better not show her face at school.

The following morning, Juliette is called to the principal's office. As she enters the office, she notices the presence of police officers. In fact, the officers are there to arrest her because of the threats she made against Marie-Christine.

Juliette is in shock! She didn't think that things said on the Internet could have such serious consequences.

It's important to know that you can't just write whatever you want, even if it's on the Internet and on social networks such as Facebook.

You have the right to express yourself and give your opinion about someone or something, but without harming others.

You are responsible for what you write. Therefore, if you make threats on Facebook, this could result in criminal charges being brought against you.

Don't forget that everything you publish on the Internet can be read by many people and can be printed.

Lastly, you should remember that threats, harassment and taxing are criminal acts on the Internet and on social networks, just as they are in "real life".



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