

1 ‘Why can’t they leave us alone?’ (BOYS OR MIXED)

- B1** I’m really fed up. Why can’t they just leave us alone?
- B2** It’s a kind of bullying.
- B1** Except the teachers won’t do anything about it. They think we’re big enough to look after ourselves.
- B2** Just because we do things together they call us gay.
- B1** Do they think we’re actually going to become gays?
- B2** They don’t think anything. They probably think if they call us gay, they’re safe from being called gay themselves.
- B1** Anyway, so what?
- B2** ‘So what’ – what?
- B1** So what if we do have gay feelings, it’s normal and we shouldn’t be bullied.

How normal is it for teenagers to have physical or romantic feelings about members of their own sex?

Do these feelings definitely mean they are gay or lesbian?

How do you feel about bullying or verbally abusing people because of who they hang round with?

Why does bullying like this happen?

(F)

7. 'Boner on the bus' (BOYS OR MIXED)

- B1** I hate it when it happens on the bus.
- B2** You get a boner on the bus? At least no one can see it.
- B1** Until you stand up. Then it's obvious, unless you use a coat or bag to cover it up.
- B2** What about when you go swimming?
- B1** And you can't get out the water?
- B2** Yeah! I mean that's really embarrassing!
- B1** It's alright for girls – all they do is take the mick.
- B2** They don't understand it either. They think we're perverts, but it's nothing to do with sex. I could be thinking about my stunt bike, homework or anything and get a stiffy.
- B1** Yeah, you're right it's got nothing to do with sex.
- B2** I wonder if girls get turned on?
- B1** They've got hormones, the same as us.
- B2** It wouldn't show.
- B1** Just as well. Things could get really out of control.

What are these boys talking about?

Boys and men can get erections at times when they don't want them. What might be the cause of unwanted sexual arousal for boys or girls?

Can sexual feelings be controlled? (B)

3. 'Lost for words' (BOYS OR MIXED)

- B1** Yeah but I don't know how to even tell her.
- B2** What, that you fancy her? Well you don't just tell her straight.
- B1** I'll never be able to tell her. She's so fit the words never seem to come out when she's in front of me.
- B2** Well don't talk to her.
- B1** Eh?
- B2** Text her. Or message her using facebook..
- B1** I've got her mobile number – I could ask her for her facebook name.
- B2** If she gave it to you, you'd definitely be in with a chance.
- B1** She always texts me back when I text her. Maybe she does fancy me.
- B2** What does she say?
- B1** Look, I keep them all.
- B2** Let's have a look? What? She said that?
- B1** Yeah
- B2** No problems there. You don't need facebook. Just ask her what she's doing on Saturday.

How hard is it to make the first move with someone you fancy?

Why do people sometimes find it so hard?

What is the very first move someone might make towards someone they fancy?

Is it easier for girls?

What about if you fancied someone of the same sex? (F)

5. 'How far do you go?' (BOYS OR MIXED)

- B1** How long you been going out with her?
- B2** Month on Saturday.
- B1** She a good snogger?
- B2** I suppose so, I've never thought about it.
- B1** Does she use her tongue?
- B2** 'Course she does.
- B1** Wey Hey! Anything else?
- B2** There's not room for anything else.
- B1** I didn't mean that, you dingbat!
- B2** What do you mean?
- B1** You know, does she touch you?
- B2** Well, she puts her arms around when we kiss.
- B1** No... I mean has she touched you down there... your todger, your knob?
- B2** No way! We're not up for that!
- B1** Go for it this weekend. Anniversary present.

Is 1 putting 2 under pressure, or is he just curious?

What sort of feelings or thoughts might 2 have now?

How would a couple know if they were ready to take things further?

Should he be talking to a friend about how far he's gone? (B)

2. 'Rumours' (GIRLS OR MIXED)

G1 See you lunchtime?

G2 Not sure!

G1 Why not, I thought you were my mate.

G2 I am. I really, really like you, but there's rumours going round.

G1 Like what?

G2 Even some of the girls in year 7 have been calling us gay and lezzies.

G1 Let's beat 'em up. Who is it anyway?

G2 You know Yaz? Well, she's always jealous of the time we spend together. 'Cos I used to be her best friend.

G1 Don't tell me she's been telling her little sister.

G2 Yeah. That we're gay. She's going 'round saying we're gay.

G1 You're right it must be her – the cow.

G2 If we meet at lunchtime, she'll start on us all over again.

G1 You going to let that cow stop us from eating at the same table?

G2 Yeah, but it's embarrassing.

G1 Well I'm not embarrassed – you're my mate, my girlfriend, it's our business – and I'll be sitting at the same table anyway.

How often do people change the way they behave towards their friends because of what other people might think or say?

What should these friends do?

Is calling people gay or lesbian bullying?

Should schools do anything about it?

What actions should a teacher take if they thought someone was being bullied in this way? (F)

8. Sex, Pregnancy and Religion (IDEALLY 4 MIXED)

- B1** There's another girl in Year 11 who got pregnant.
G1 Probably on purpose.
B1 Why?
G1 I don't know, maybe she wanted the attention.
G2 Maybe she thought she'd get a flat or something and benefits.
B2 Maybe it was an accident.
B1 What do you mean?
B2 Condom split.
G1 No chance, they don't just split. She never used one, more like.
B1 Why not?
G2 Too scared to ask.
B1 Against her religion.
B2 What religion?
B1 Could be she's Catholic.
G2 Orthodox Jew maybe?
G1 That's a load of rubbish. If she was religious she wouldn't be having sex at all.
G2 Religions aren't against sex.
B1 They're against sex outside marriage.
G2 They're against sex outside a club!!

Why is it that many religious people view sex outside marriage or a committed relationship as wrong?

What reasons do some religious people give for not using contraception – even within a marriage?

Many religious and non-religious people view masturbation as wrong – why might this be?

Many religions, the most widely practiced being Judaism and Islam, require male circumcision – any ideas why? (B)

4. 'The trouble with mum' (GIRLS OR MIXED)

- F1** Mum's really hacking me off.
- F2** So what's new?
- F1** You mean what isn't new! My old mobile. That's what isn't new. I need a new mobile.
- F2** You should have an older sister.
- F1** Why?
- F2** She'd pass down her old phone, which isn't very old. Look!
- F1** It's an iPhone. You lucky . . .!! That's the one I wanted.
- F2** Loads of games and iTunes.
- F1** See, that's what I need, and mum just hasn't got a clue. All she wants is for me to be home straight after school.
- F2** Same for me. Mum's always calling me back from Jo's. I need some social life.
- F1** I think my mum thinks I'm chatting up Chrissy. In the week it's homework and in bed for 9.30. I don't get the chance to do any chatting up?
- F2** Tell her that you need a mobile so she can contact you if she wants you back.
- F1** I've got a mobile but it's rubbish.
- F2** She should pay then. It's about safety isn't it?
- F1** And there's 'What happened to your last one?'
- F2** What did happen to it?
- F1** Got confiscated in drama. It's so naff I don't even want it back.

Does this mum sound reasonable?

Why might she want her child to come home early during the week?

In what way might a new mobile improve the relationship between the mother and the child?

Does the child really need a new mobile? (F)

6. 'Fancy him? - Or just good friends? (GIRLS OR MIXED)

- G1** Rikki's really fit, when did you start going out with him?
G2 He's not my boyfriend or anything, he's just a mate.
G1 You selfish cow, that's why I've backed off, I thought you two were together.
G2 You mean I'm not allowed to hang around with him, just so you can chat him up?
G1 Well, I really fancy him and now it looks like you obviously don't.
G2 I can see he's good looking, he wears cool clothes, but I've never thought about him in that way.
G1 You mean, you've never even kissed him?
G2 I did in the school disco 'cause everyone else was doing it. But it just felt weird.
G1 You didn't get turned on then?
G2 What do you mean?
G1 You know! Your tummy goes all tingly and legs go a bit wobbly.
G2 That's how I feel when I stand beside Taz!
G1 TAZ!!?? What a turn off! That's really sad! I could never fancy him!
G2 Then we're both sad because I could never fancy Rikki.

How often do people have friends who are members of the opposite sex?

How often do situations like this happen in real life?

Suggest a reason why G2 does not fancy Rikki?

Is one girl more mature than the other? Give reasons.

Should G2 try to go out with Taz and stop being friends with Rikki?
Give reasons. (B)