

Risk factors to cyberbullying

Ages 11–14



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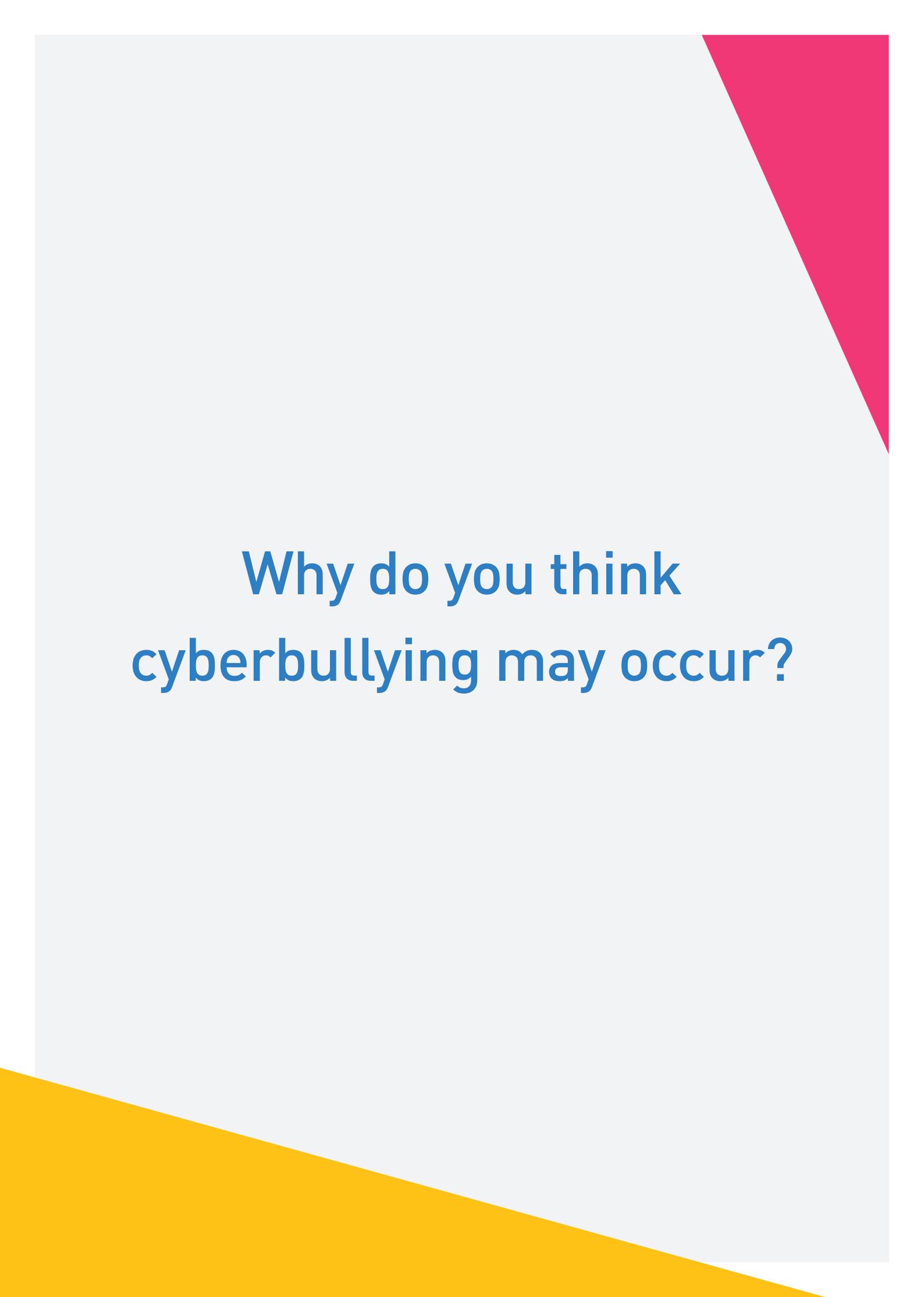
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**Why do you think
cyberbullying may occur?**

10 MINS

11–14 YRS

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MATERIALS

Access to YouTube to present the video below, paper, pens.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduce the exercise to the children, and present the objectives and outcomes.
2. Present the following video to the children and ask them to write down all the reasons why the cyberbully targeted each of the cyber victims: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHleCE2Or70>
3. Discuss the responses and encourage the children to think of other risk factors where cyberbullying may occur. Here are some suggestions: Cyber victim's vulnerability, cyberbully's lack of empathy, retaliation, anonymity, family problems, jealousy, increased internet use, giving passwords to others.
4. End the exercise by telling the children that although there may be reasons for why an episode of cyberbullying started, this is still not acceptable.

EVALUATION

- Taking into account the risk factors, ask the children to list and discuss what could help to reduce the risk of cyberbullying.