

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... to storm out | a. a punishment for schoolchildren in which they have to stay at school for a short time after classes finish |
| 2..... to apologise | b. an injury that appears as a purple or dark area on your skin   |
| 3..... a bruise     | c. to say sorry   |
| 4..... detention    | d. a movement up and down with the head   |
| 5..... a nod        | e. to leave a room quickly because you are angry or upset   |
| 6..... a shrug      | f. the action of raising and lowering your shoulders to say you don't know or aren't interested               |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Peter and Maria are friends.                                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Maria's mother knows what's wrong with Maria.               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. At first, Maria thinks Peter's problem is easier than hers. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Principal Hughes understands Maria's problem.               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Maria notices something about Peter in detention.           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Maria thinks Peter may be in a similar situation.           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. We don't know exactly who Maria is scared of.               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. Maria decides to tell her mum about her problems.           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. Peter is ...
  - a. often in trouble at school.
  - b. in trouble at school for the first time.
  - c. never in trouble at school.
  
2. When Maria forgets her sports kit, her mother is angry ...
  - a. because she wants Maria to do PE.
  - b. because Maria lied to her PE teacher.
  - c. and confused because Maria won't tell her what's wrong.
  
3. When Peter and Principal Hughes are talking in the principal's office, ...
  - a. Peter offers an apology.
  - b. Peter offers to pay for the damage.
  - c. they talk but we don't know what they say.
  
4. During detention ...
  - a. Peter tells Maria a secret.
  - b. Maria decides it's time to start doing PE.
  - c. Maria guesses Peter has a secret.
  
5. Maria thinks she has something in common with ...
  - a. Peter.
  - b. Mr Hughes.
  - c. her mother.
  
6. Maria decides to ...
  - a. keep her secret.
  - b. tell someone her secret and get help.
  - c. talk to Peter.

### Discussion

Do you agree that bad secrets are only bad until you tell someone?