

## Gossip and Rumours

Vocabulary:

**common gossip** — распространенные слухи

**idle gossip** — пустые слухи

**malicious, vicious gossip** — злые / злостные слухи

**silly gossip** — глупые слухи / сплетни

**piece of gossip** — сплетня

**tidbit амер., titbit брит. of gossip** — сплетня

**gossip about the neighbours** — сплетни про соседей

**to spread gossip** — распространять слухи

**tittle-tattle** - болтовня, слухи, сплетни

**idle / unfounded / wild rumour** — беспочвенные слухи

**unconfirmed / vague rumour** — неподтверждённые / смутные слухи

**rumour spreader** — распространитель слухов, сплетник

**to circulate / spread a rumour** — распускать, распространять слухи

**to confirm a rumour** — подтверждать слухи

**to deny a rumour** — отрицать слухи

**to dispel / spike a rumour** — опровергать слухи

**Rumours are about / afloat.** — Слухи ходят, распространяются.

### Questions:

Do you like to gossip?

Do your friends often gossip about you?

Why do you think people like to listen to gossip ?

Why do people like to gossip about the rich and famous?

What are the most common themes for gossip?

What are some of the things you like to gossip about?

What are some ways which gossip can be harmful?

Do you think gossip can be used for something good?

Why is it considered that women gossip more than men?

Where are some places where people like to gossip?

Which newspapers can be called gossip newspapers?

Do you like to read gossip newspapers?

What is your attitude to gossip newspapers?

Have you ever told a rumor that got someone in trouble?

Has someone ever spread a rumor about you?

Has spreading rumors ever got you in trouble?

Do you think that a friend who gossips or starts rumors will ever gossip or start a rumor about you?

How would you try to resolve the problem, if you had got into trouble through gossiping?

Has answering these questions changed your attitude towards gossip?

If you discovered that someone had been gossiping about you, would you confront them?

If no-one at your high school had ever gossiped, how would it have been different?

If you heard some harmful gossip about someone you knew, what would you do?

Who gossips more men or women?

Would you say that people who like gossiping do it because their lives are empty or because it is just a way of entertainment?

### **Proverbs:**

*The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them. Will Rogers*

*Knowing policy does help make the gossip more understandable. Tabitha Soren*

*The most powerful force in the universe is gossip. Dave Barry*

*While gossip among women is universally ridiculed as low and trivial, gossip among men, especially if it is about women, is called theory, or idea, or fact. Andrea Dworkin*

*Gossip needs no carriage. Russian Proverb*