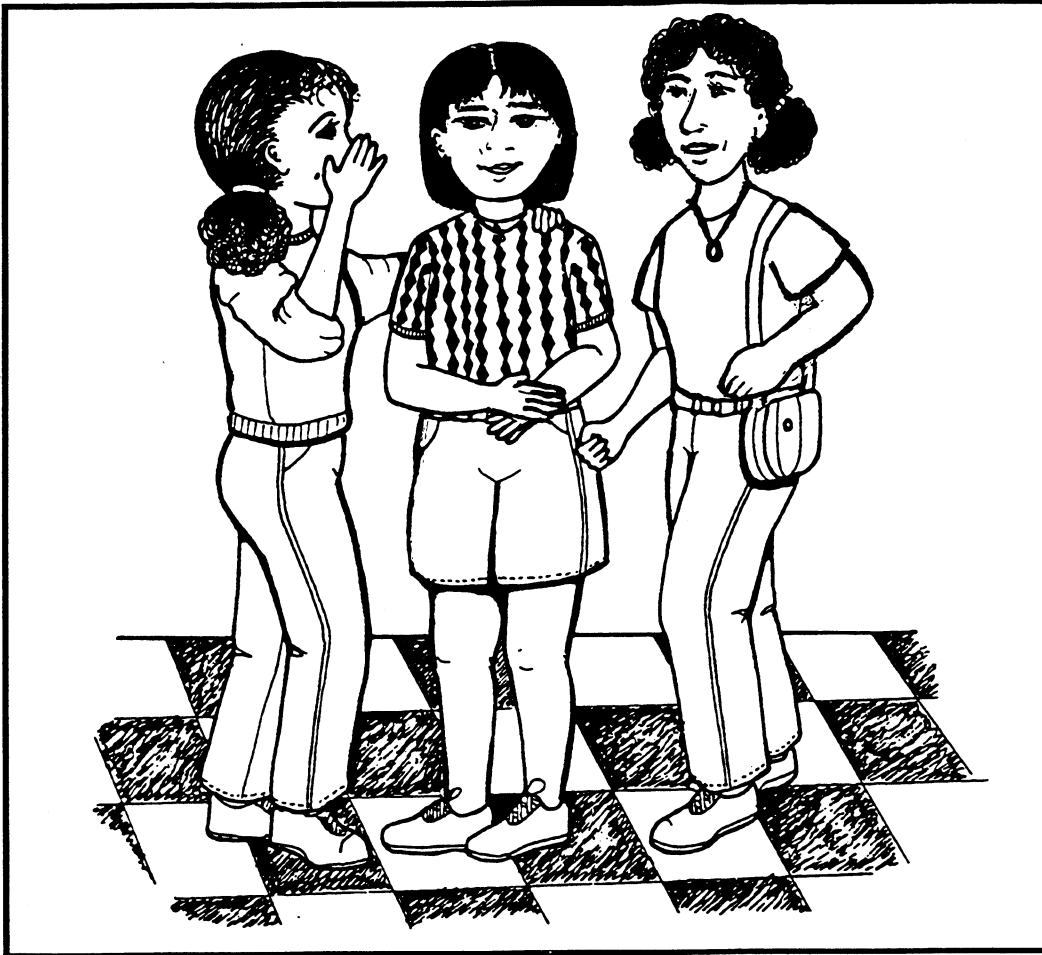


## Story 33 - The Ridiculous Rumors

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Kate was very well-liked in school. In addition to being pretty, she had a nice personality. Nancy was very envious of Kate because she had so many friends.

Nancy tried to win over some of Kate's friends by giving them some very costly gifts. Nancy could buy a few friends, but Kate's true friends couldn't be bought.

Then Nancy started giving false information about Kate's behavior to everyone she knew. Kate's friends all told her what Nancy was saying about her. Some of the rumors were so absurd that they made Kate laugh.

"What a troubled person Nancy must be to say something like that!" Kate said.

## Vocabulary Words

Give a definition for each word as it is used in the story. Then use it in a sentence.

1. envious

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. costly

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

3. absurd

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thinking Questions

1. Why do you think Nancy spread false information about Kate?

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2. What would you say to Nancy if you were Kate?

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3. Why do you think Nancy had trouble making friends?

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4. What suggestions would you give Nancy to help her make new friends?

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5. What would you do if a classmate was spreading untrue rumors about you at school?

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