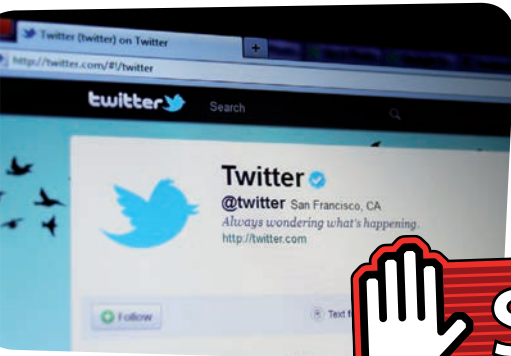




WHAT YOU CAN'T SAY ON TWITTER



A lot of people think that they can say whatever they want on social networking sites without consequences. However, every Twitter user must be aware of these rules.



Abusive Messages

Twitter has become a convenient place for fans to send abusive messages to athletes of their favourite teams or other teams. However, this can get you into a lot of **trouble**. You can be arrested or ordered to pay a **fine** if you send racial or threatening comments to athletes or any person on Twitter.



Encouraging Illegal Activity

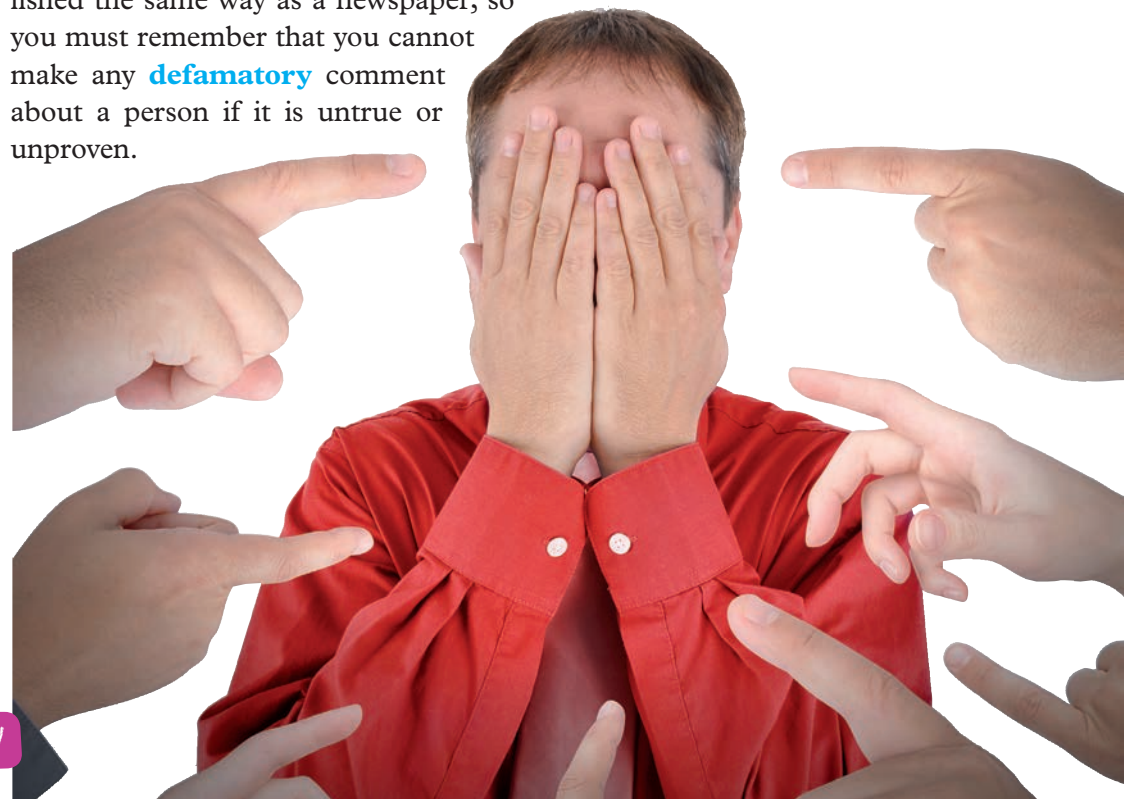
This was a big problem during the **riots** of 2011 in England. Many users tweeted about the riots and encouraged people to go out in the streets and cause trouble. According to the law, you are not allowed to encourage others to commit an illegal act. Police arrested two men in England in 2011 for encouraging criminal activity even though they did not physically take part in the riots.

Menacing Comments

Even if it is a joke, you cannot say things on Twitter that seem **threatening**. One user, Paul Chambers of England, jokingly said that he would **blow up** an airport because it remained closed for a long time. Police considered his tweet to be an act of terrorism and Mr Chambers had to pay a fine of £385 and £600 in court fees.

Libel

In 2011, New Zealand cricket player Chris Cairns received £90,000 after a coach had accused him of **match-fixing**. Twitter and other social network sites are published the same way as a newspaper, so you must remember that you cannot make any **defamatory** comment about a person if it is untrue or unproven.



GLOSSARY

trouble: guai.

fine: multa.

riots: tumulti, sommosse.

blow up: far esplodere.

match-fixing: truccare una partita.

defamatory: diffamatorio, infamante.



K E T ← True, False or Doesn't Say

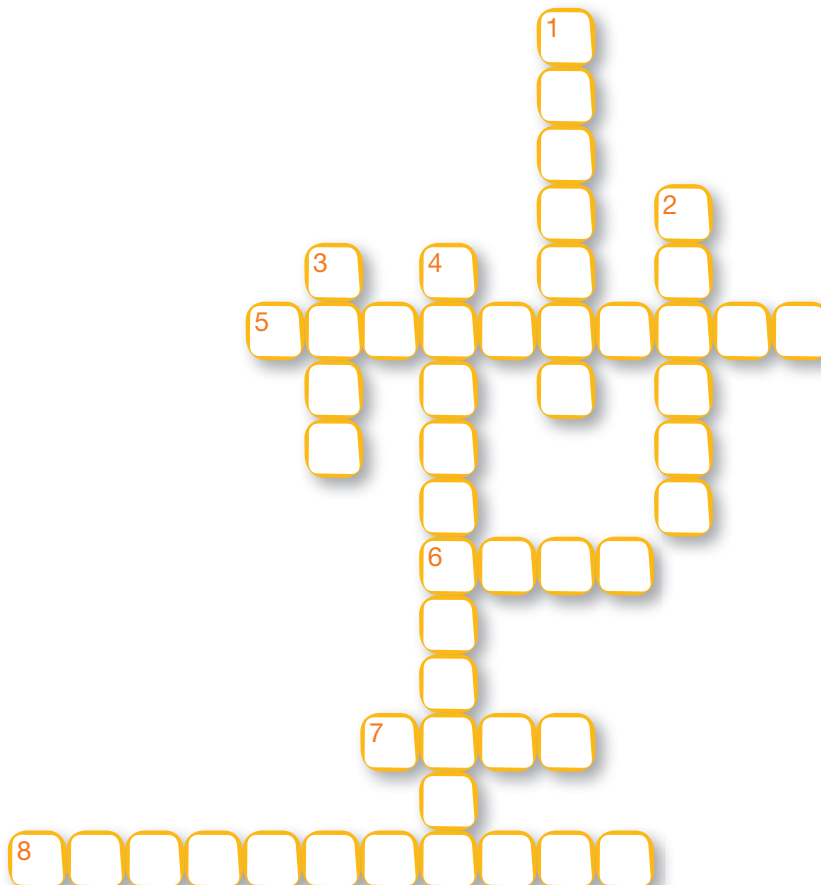
After reading the article, decide if the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Doesn't Say (DS).

- 1) It's illegal to send racial comments to a person on Twitter.
- 2) You can encourage someone to commit an illegal act if it is for a good cause.
- 3) Many athletes send negative messages to fans.
- 4) A man was fined for sending menacing comments about an airport.
- 5) On Twitter, you can accuse someone of doing something even if it is not true.

T	F	DS
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CROSSWORD

Read the clues and fill in the crossword.



ACROSS

5. Any comment that ruins someone's reputation.
6. A penalty you must pay for illegal activity.
7. A violent public protest.
8. You can be arrested for criminal behaviour, even if you do not take part in it.

DOWN

1. Something that is against the law.
2. To explode a building.
3. Expenses of the court.
4. To alter the scores of a sporting event.

