

GASLIGHTING SCENARIO

You and your neighbor are playing a game in your bedroom. She tries to touch your bottom, but it feels very uncomfortable to you. You tell her that you want her to stop. She says, "You just asked me to play this game!" You did not; you say, "No, I did not." She says, "You are losing your mind. Yes you didl Now you're a liar and chicken. You need to get your head checked." You feel confused and stupid.



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GASLIGHTING SCENARIO SOLUTION

If you feel confused, guilty, ashamed, or stupid, something is likely wrong. This person is trying to deceive you using **gaslighting**. You should listen to your *intuition* and *trust* what you know is true.

If you are unsure, always verify first. A safe person will never get mad or upset with you for checking in with your parents or guardians to verify the truth.



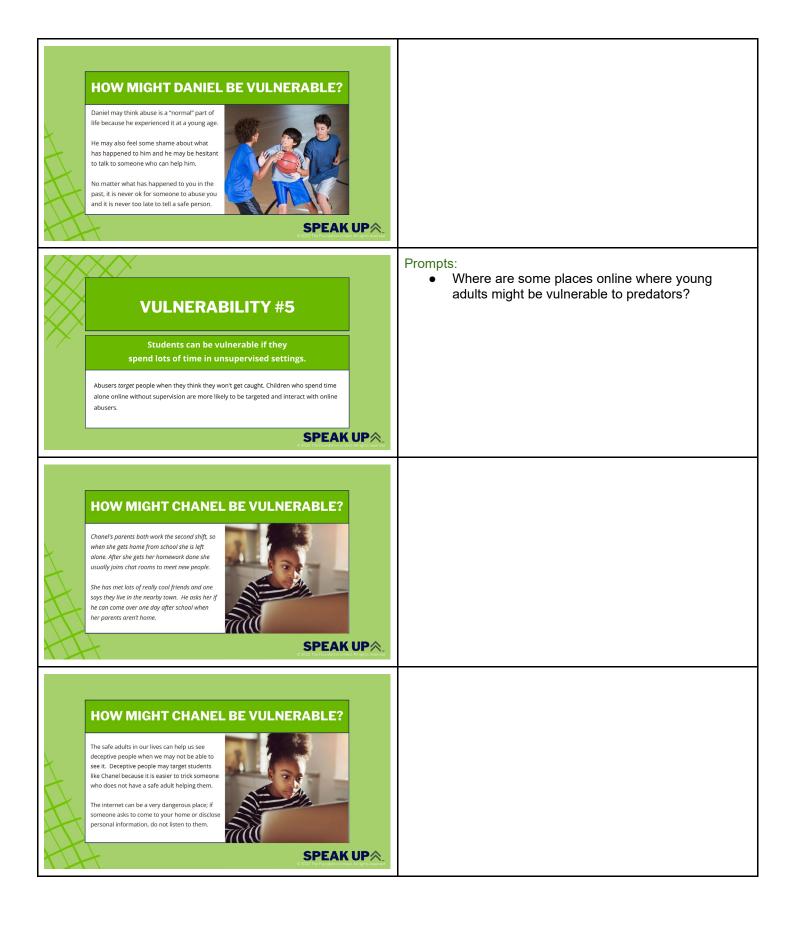
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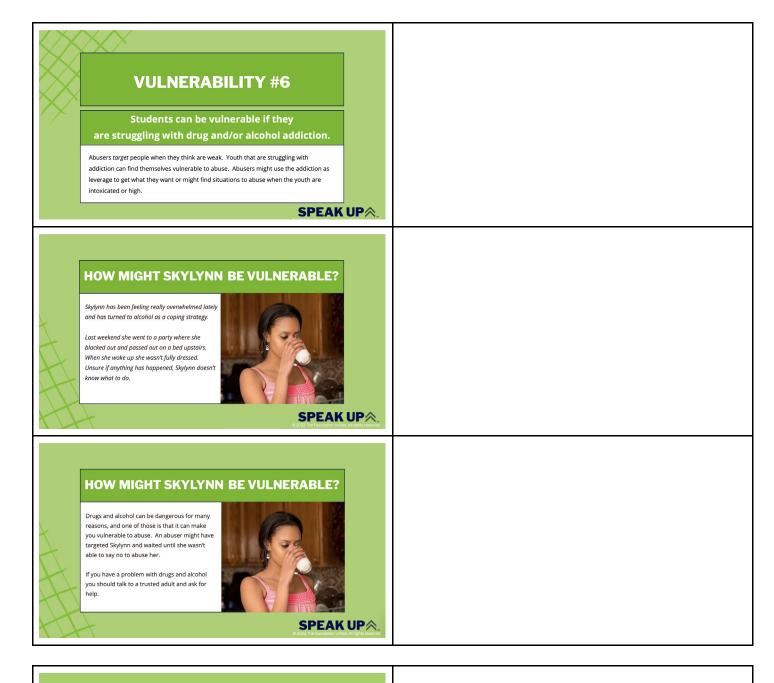


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VULNERABILITY #3 Students can be vulnerable if they have untreated mental health issues. Abusers target people they perceive as easiest to manipulate. Children who are experiencing anxiety or depression might be less likely to speak up or realize what is happening to them.	

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\bigotimes	VULNERABILITY #4	 Students Might: Students might want to know what abuse to which this is referring. Anyone who has experienced emotional, physical, or sexual abuse is more at
**	Students can be vulnerable if they have been abused in the past. Abusers target people that are already victims of abuse. Children whose vulnerabilities were taken advantage of once are more likely to have it done again. Some people that were abused before may even think that the abuse was their fault or they deserved it. Specific Content of the second sec	risk for being exploited in the future. Unfortunately, future abuse can feel familiar to a victim. In addition, the victim may feel inadequate and may convince themselves that they deserve the abuse.







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If someone is trying to use brute force on you, do your best to yell and get away. Sometimes that can be too hard to do because of shock or someone being stronger/bigger than you. Always tell a safe adult if something like this has happened to you. Keep speaking up until someone listens. Lastly, remember that it is never your fault if something has happened to you.	 Students Might: Students might assume that this is the most common tactic, but in fact is the least common tactic used by predators.

TACTIC #2 - MANIPULATION

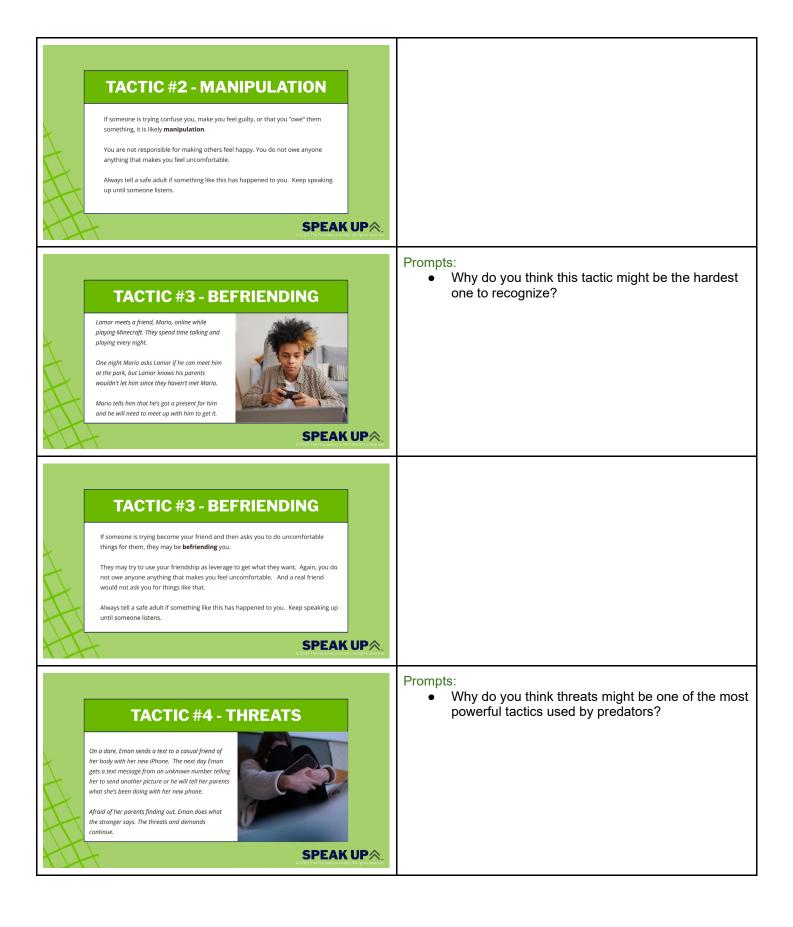
Lucia just started a new relationship with Avery, a boy she met in her Algebra class. After just a few weeks, Avery tells Lucia that he loves

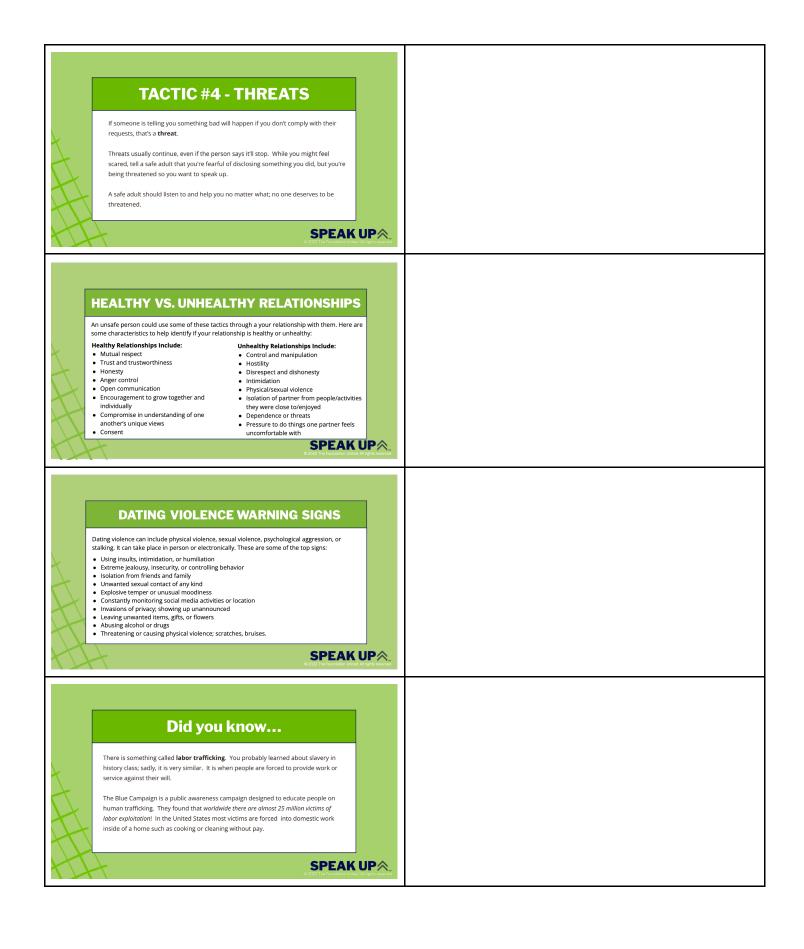
her. He showers her with affection and compliments; this also can be called lovebombing. However, he tells Lucia that if she really loves him she will send him photos of her body, even though she doesn't want to send them.

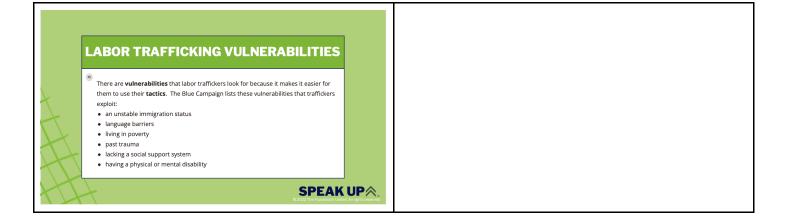


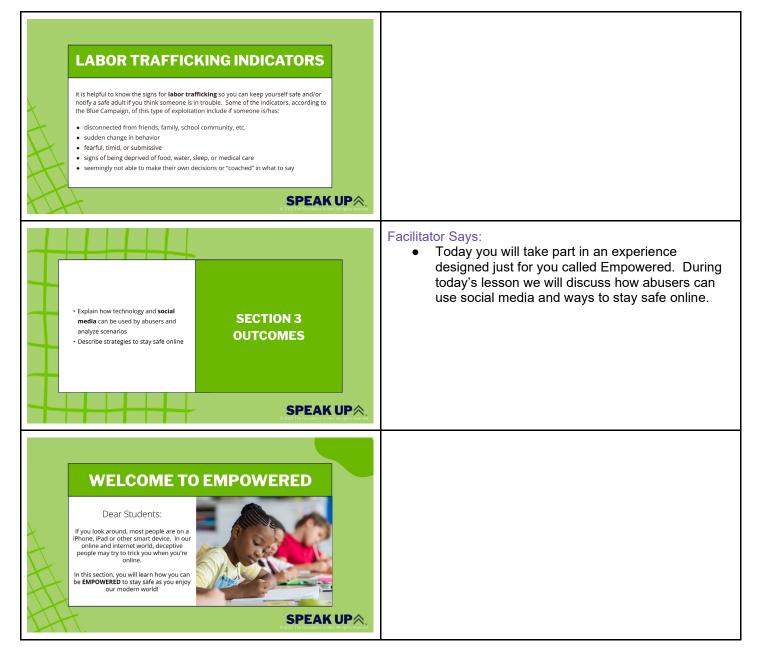
Prompts:

• How do you think the affection and compliments allowed for the manipulation to happen?



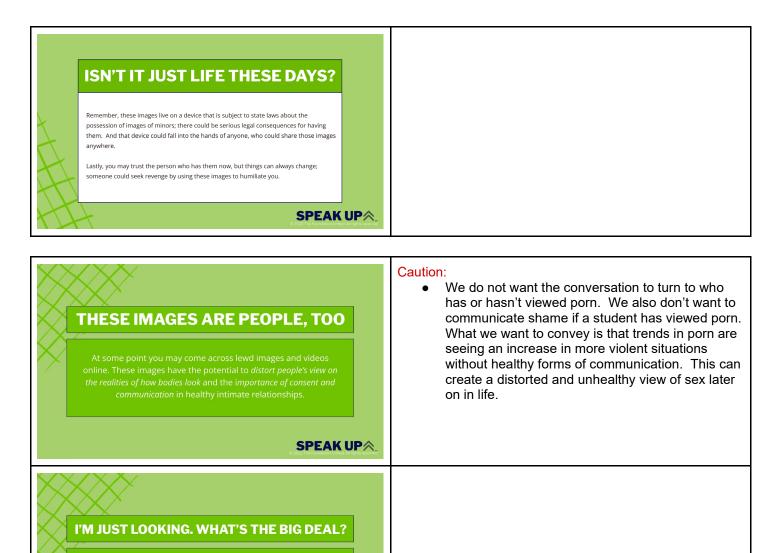






8-12 year-olds spend 6 hours daily on technology. 13-18 year-olds spend 9 hours daily on technology.	 Prompts: What dangers do you foresee in being extremely transparent online? Why do you think it is so easy for young adults to be so open online?
SOCIAL MEDIA VULNERABILITY #1 When you post <u>provocative</u> <u>or revealing posts</u> . predators may assume that you are seeking attention and validation from others.	 Unfortunately in our society, there is the assumption that girls are "asking for it" when dressed in a way that is not viewed as modest. We want to make sure that when reviewing these scenarios, that nobody "asks for it" or invites in abuse. The predator is always at fault.
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We are not aware of the people's situations that are found in these lewd pictures and videos. These people may be being forced to work against their will. They could be experiencing threats, violence, and coercion to take these pictures and videos.

When you look at these images it increases demand, which in turn causes more images to be produced. And those images could be producing more human trafficking victims.

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WHEN ONLINE, REMEMBER...

- Accept requests and chat with people that you know in person
- Set profiles to private
- Turn off GPS/location services on social media applications

- Students Might:
 - Students might not be willing to adhere to all of these suggestions. For example, if a student is trying to promote a blog that they are starting, they wouldn't want their profile to be private because they would want more exposure to the public. It is important to reiterate that we just want young adults to be "smart" online and make choices that set them up to be protected and not victimized.

