

Photostories Guidance Notes

Gina & Harry's Story

The Photostory notes are for carers and educators of young adults with learning disabilities. These notes will help you explore the themes of the story as you work through them.

The notes are written to help you create a discussion about the main learning outcomes. Each photo is numbered and has an accompanying series of questions that relates to the story.

Read through the story together first and then reread the story using some of the questions to encourage informal discussion. If you are working with a group of people you may wish to use more of the questions to create debate amongst the group. If you are working one to one it may be wiser to use fewer questions. The questions will not be suitable for everyone. It will depend on the level of the learner's ability.

Learning Outcomes

The learner will understand that:

1. not to share personal information on the internet
2. how to stay safer on a date
3. alcohol affects decision making
4. using condoms will prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
5. where to get help if you have unprotected sex

The following list of feelings might be helpful if the person being supported is not sure how someone might feel in a particular situation

Angry	Depressed	Joyful	Sexy
Ashamed	Disgusted	Loving	Shocked
Calm	Embarrassed	Nervous	Shy
Comfortable	Excited	Relaxed	Surprised
Confident	Happy	Sad	Uncomfortable
Confused	Jealous	Safe	

Internet Photostory - Key questions are in bold

- Frame 1 **How do you know when someone is your friend?**
- Frame 2 **What is the difference between a friend and a boyfriend/girlfriend?**
Why do you think Gina wants a boyfriend?
- Frame 3 **What does it mean to fancy someone?**
What is a dating website?
- Frame 4 **How is Gina is feeling when she emails Harry?**
- Frame 5 **Do you think it is Ok for Harry to ask Gina for her address and phone number?**
No, you should not ask someone you have just met online for their personal information.
- Frame 6 **Should Gina share her personal details on the internet? Why or why not?**
No, you don't know who you are talking to, it could be dangerous to share personal details with strangers because they could lie to you, come to your house or harass you.

Learning Outcome 1: **Not to share personal information on the internet**

- Frame 7 **Why does Gina ignore her friends' advice?**
She likes how the person in the picture looks.
- Frame 8 **Is the photo on the screen of Harry? How does Gina know this?**
Gina can't be sure if the photo is of Harry.
- Frame 9 **How does Gina know if Harry is telling the truth about himself?**
She doesn't.
- Frame 11 **Why should they meet in a public place?**
It is safer.
- Frame 13 **Why should Gina leave her phone on?**
So that Gina can make and receive phone calls.
- Frame 14 **Why should Gina phone her friend when she gets home?**

Learning Outcome 2: **How to stay safer on a date.**

- Frame 15 **Why is this good advice?**
Her friend knows that Harry might not be who he says he is.

- Frame 16** Does Harry look the way he described himself on line?
Has Harry told the truth about himself?
- Frame 17** Harry said he was 19. Does he look 19? Why might he lie about his age?
- Frame 18** Can Gina go home? Why does Gina stay on the date?
She likes the flowers and the attention. The alcohol is affecting her decision making.
- Frame 19** Why do you think Harry is buying Gina so much wine?
To get her drunk so that she will have sex with him.
- Frame 20** What is Gina's friend worrying about?
She can't get hold of Gina on the phone and does not know if Gina is safe.
- Frame 21** How is alcohol affecting Gina?
It is lowering her inhibitions and making her thinking fuzzy.
- Frame 22** Should Gina go with Harry? Why or why not?
It is not safe for Gina to go with Harry as she does not know him well enough yet and no one knows where she is.
- Frame 23** Why does Gina agree to go back to Harry's house?
She is drunk and is unable to think about keeping safe.

Learning Outcome 3:
Alcohol affects decision making.

- Frames 24** Why do you think Harry is saying nice things to Gina?
He wants to have sex with her.
How safe is Gina?
- Frames 26** Should Gina have sex with Harry?
How much has alcohol affected Gina's decision to have sex with Harry?

Learning Outcome 3:
Alcohol affects decision making.

- Frame 27** Why hasn't Gina phoned her friend?
She is drunk.
- Frame 28** Why did Gina have sex with Harry?
Maybe she wanted to or she was drunk or liked the attention. Perhaps she didn't know how to say no and didn't know how to get home.
- Frame 30** Why should Harry and Gina have used a condom?
Condoms prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections like chlamydia.
What stopped them from using a condom?
They were drunk, didn't talk about it and found it embarrassing

Learning Outcome 4:

Using condoms will prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Frame 31 *They were drunk, didn't talk about it and found it embarrassing.*
What is a sexually transmitted infection?
An STI is an infection that can be passed on during sex without a condom. This is called unprotected sex. Anyone who has had sex without a condom should go to a sexual health clinic to make sure you do not have an infection.

Frame 33 **Where is your nearest sexual health clinic?**
www.centralexualhealth.org or www.sexualhealthscotland.co.uk

What is emergency contraception?
Emergency contraception is a pill which is taken to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex or if a contraceptive method has failed, for example a condom has split.

Learning Outcome 5:

Where to get help if you have unprotected sex.

Frame 35 **What are some of the reasons Harry might not want to go to the sexual health clinic?**
He is embarrassed and doesn't want to see Gina again.

Why doesn't Harry want to see Gina?
He doesn't like/love her, he was only interested in having sex with her, he lied about who he was.

How does Gina feel?
Embarrassed, sad, angry, hurt.

Frame 36 **Whose responsibility is it to use a condom?**
It was both Gina's and Harry's responsibility.

Should Gina carry condoms?
If Gina is sexually active, she should carry condoms.

Frame 38 **What does Gina learn at the clinic?**
She learns how to keep herself safe from sexually transmitted infections and how to prevent pregnancy.

Frame 42 **How does Gina feel?**
She feels angry at Harry but is pleased about what she has learned and she now knows how to keep herself safe.

Frame 43 **What have you learned from Gina and Harry's story?**