



**SESSION 2**

**GOSSIP.**

What is a gossip? What do people usually gossip about? What do you think about gossip? What does the typical gossipy person do? Have you ever read gossip magazines? What do they talk about? What's your opinion of them? Why do you think so many people read this kind of magazines? Who benefits from this? Who might be the ones damaged or hurt by them?. People who defend this kind of press say that readers have the right to be informed about what happens in society. In your opinion, what comes first: the freedom of the press and right to be informed or the right to privacy? Talk about one occasion when gossip was useful or harmful to someone. What do Spanish people gossip more about?. How do you react when someone gossips about you? How do you feel? How do you explain the increasingly number of Gossip TV programmes? What are most popular people known for? What achievement do you need to get to become popular? Can you think about people who have become popular overnight? If so, what's so special about them to deserve popularity? According to a saying: We have the mass media we deserve. Do you agree with that? How can a new celebrity's life can change overnight? Do you know anyone who is gossipy by nature and does his/her best to overhear all your neighbours' conversations and discover every single thing they do? How do they usually say they got that information?

*Admit it. You're gossipy by nature. You do your best to overhear all your neighbours' conversations and discover every single thing they do. You've got a neighbour just like you and you tell each other the news every day.*



TOM.- Listen, Alice. Can you keep a secret?

ALICE.- Of course, I can. Trust me

TOM.- Come closer ( he whispers in her ear). **Ann's daughter is pregnant.**

ALICE.- No way! Ann's daughter is pregnant. Are you sure?

TOM.- I'm positive, but remember. Don't tell anyone.

ALICE.- Don't worry. I'm very good at keeping secrets.

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- *Phil and Laura's son is in love with Pamela.*
  - *My parents' lawyer was in jail.*
  - *Mariah's and Lydia's children are hooked on chat rooms.*
  - *Lydia's son-in-law is having an affair with a married woman.*
  - *My father-in-law's hobby is to watch soap operas*
  - *My neighbour's husband is a compulsive gambler.*