Aisha’s Story

1. At the start of the story Aisha says that she is “grinning from ear to ear”. Why is this?

2. In the story, Aisha refers to her using a program called “Face2Face”

a) What kind of program do you think Face2Face is?

b) Do you use or know of any applications similar to Face2Face? List them.

c) Why do you think social networking web sites like Face2Face have become so popular in recent years?

3. Why do you think Aisha accepted Obi’s new friend request?

4. What do you think that Aisha should have done when Obi first sent the new friend request?

5. Obi says he lives in Duncastle, the same town as Aisha. Does Aisha actually know this is true? What might she have done to check that Obi was actually telling the truth?

6. Aisha is impressed by Obi’s trick on her mobile phone, but she is also surprised that he knew her number. How might Obi have got hold of Aisha’s mobile number?

7. As the story progresses, Obi begins to gain Aisha’s trust.

a) Explain how Obi manages to do this. Give some examples.

b) Why do you think that Aisha is so willing to believe in Obi?

8. When Obi and Aisha begin their webcam session, Aisha cannot see Obi’s face on her screen.

a) What reason does Obi give?

b) What do you think was the real reason that Obi did not want Aisha to see him on her screen?

9. Aisha says that “my real friends know I’m pretty shy underneath”. How does Obi manage to persuade Aisha to pose in an intimate way for him?

10. If you were Aisha’s best friend, and she told you that she was going to meet Obi, suggest 3 pieces of advice you would give her in order to keep herself safe?

11. How is it possible that a complete stranger has intimate photographs of Aisha in his possession?

12. Why is Aisha worried about the photographs?

13. The story ends with Aisha in a very risky situation. What can she do to keep herself safe?

14. From this story, can you identify some of the strategies or tricks that an online groomer or sexual predator might use?

15. Looking back over the story, can you identify the mistakes that Aisha made that have led her to this dangerous situation?