defame /dɪˈfeɪm/ verb

defamatory / dɪˈfæmətəri/ noun

to write or say bad or untrue things about someone or something, so that people will have a bad opinion of them

***PM unleashes over misconduct rumours:***

**JULIA GILLARD: The Australian newspaper today asserted that I created a trust fund. That is wholly untrue and seriously defamatory.**