

### The story

Several French media executives and journalists have been suspended or fired because of their alleged involvement with a Facebook group used to bully female colleagues online. Reports say the closed group, called League of LOL, ridiculed women for years, cracking jokes about rape culture and targeting women with pornographic memes. Its founder, the journalist Vincent Glad, apologised on Twitter.

### Vocabulary

#### boys' club

situation or group controlled by men and often excluding others

- My office is one big boys' club. They don't promote you based on skill.
- People realise diversity is important now, so it's less of a boys' club at work.

#### ridiculed

made fun of (someone) in an unkind way

- The class ridiculed Jacques for his mispronunciation of English verbs.
- Celebrities who behave stupidly on camera get ridiculed on social media.

#### turns sour

becomes unpleasant

- If I were you, I'd sell your shares before your investment turns sour.
- If your neighbours are noisy, your relationship with them can turn sour.

### Language challenge

'Behaviour which annoys, disturbs or harms someone' is spelt:

- a) harassment
- b) harrassment
- c) harasemant

### Answer

a) harassment