



how to not cross the line between **banter & bullying**



just kidding (not)

Sometimes you dish it out. Sometimes you take it. And if they say, 'Seriously, stop it!' **you'd back off.**

The same person is always on the receiving end. If they say, 'Stop it', they're met with, '**Can't you take a joke?**'

It's **mutually enjoyable.** Everyone finds it entertaining. It builds connection and it's a sign of affection.

The person on the receiving end isn't having a good time. They're not in on the joke. **It excludes or isolates them.**

It starts with trust and respect. It's **light-hearted, well-intentioned** and about something they can change (like being bad at tech).

The intention is to **mock or humiliate someone.** It points out insecurities or is about something they can't control e.g. sexual identity.

You'd be ok if it happened to you. Others would see it as playful (even without context). You'd feel bad if you took it too far.

You'd be hurt if it was said/done to you. **Others would see it as hostile, threatening or aggressive** (with or without context).

yeah, it's all good

...it's bullying



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