Writing Activity 1: **News or Gossip?**

"Jennifer," she began, trying to keep her tone even, "I would never write an article like that for the Sentinel. The school paper is about news, not gossip. There are no facts to back up these rumors. Plus, you are asking me to write something that would really hurt Isabel Martinez, who happens to be a very good friend of mine. That's just plain wrong."
-*Just Kidding* p. 172

Suppose Charlotte was to write two articles for *The Sentinel*, the AAJH school newspaper. Write two short articles for the sentinel about Kevin and Isabel. Make one a news story about these characters and make the other one a gossip story. When you are done, ask a friend to read both stories to try to identify which story is gossip and which is news.