



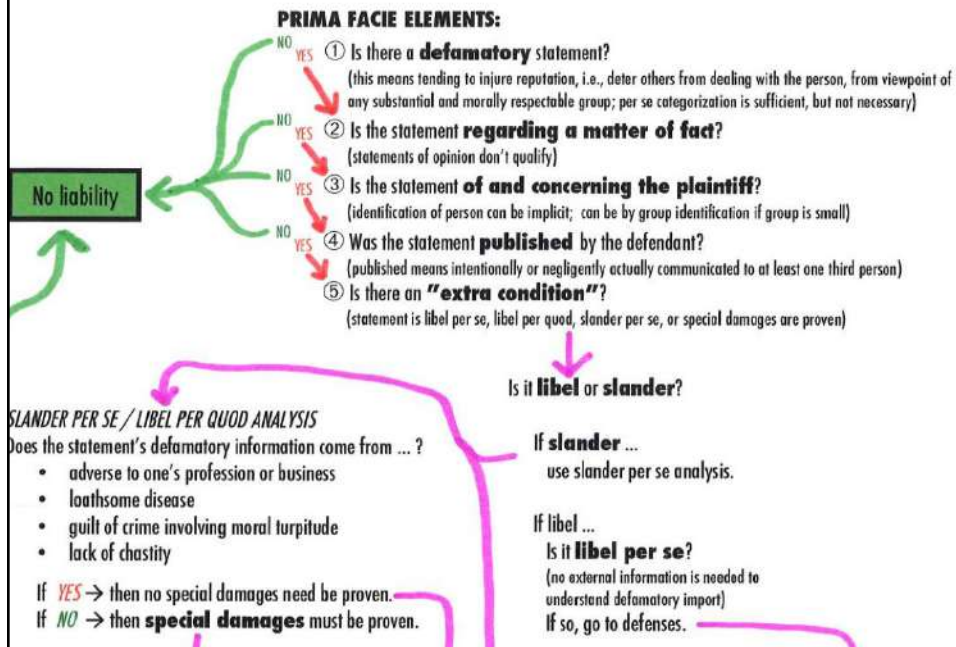
# Defamation 4: Publication

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TORTS - Common Law Defamation Flow Chart



# Publication

## Publication

- Communication to one third party is all that is necessary.
- That's all there is to the rule, you just have to believe it!

# Quick Quiz!

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- If you "self-publish" a book, using your own money, and sell one copy to a stranger on eBay?
- If you communicate it only to the allegedly defamed plaintiff?
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  - Yes.
- If you communicate it only to the allegedly defamed plaintiff?
  - No.
- If you say but not write it, and people hear it?
  - Yes.