

TALKING SAFELY ONLINE

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NORMS

- Don't talk while Mrs. Heidrich is talking
- Talk when Mrs. Heidrich asks you to talk
- Participate
- Answer appropriately

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

What's the difference between
Internet friends and in-person
friends?

BUT FIRST...



...LET'S WATCH A VIDEO

HAVE YOU EVER...



IT IS EASIER TO BE CAUTIOUS
WITH A STRANGER IN PERSON
THAN A STRANGER ONLINE.

Can you ever really
know if an
online-only friend is
male or female?

Can you know for sure
how old an
online-only friend
is?

No, sometimes people
online can
purposefully lie.

No. Since everything
is online, it is easy
for someone to reveal
only part of his or
her identity.

Sita likes to visit a website where kids can post messages about school, their favorite TV shows, and current events. She really likes a kid who uses the screen name CJcool11. When Sita shares a problem she has at school, CJcool11 always has good ideas for handling the problem. Even though she has never met CJcool11 in person, Sita thinks of CJcool11 as a friend.

One day, while messaging, CJcool11 and Sita compare their two schools.

Sita types, “My school principal is so strict.
We have to walk through the halls in straight lines!”

CJcool11 answers, “My school isn’t so strict. What’s the name of your school?”

This question gives Sita a bad feeling. Sita feels uncomfortable about giving that information to CJcool11.

She types back, “Uh, my school’s name is too hard to spell.”

CJcool11 types, “So where is your school?”

WHY DO YOU
THINK SITA GETS A
BAD FEELING WHEN
CJCOOL11 ASKS
FOR THE NAME OF
HER SCHOOL?

WHAT SHOULD SITA ANSWER?
WHY?

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE
SITA?

USE COMMON SENSE!

If things get creepy or uncomfortable when you're chatting online, take action.

1. Show it to a parent or a trusted adult right away
2. Log out of the messaging service or website

WHO ARE TRUSTED ADULTS?

WHY MIGHT IT BE EASIER TO SHARE
SCHOOL PROBLEMS WITH AN
ONLINE-ONLY FRIEND THAN AN
IN-PERSON, FACE-TO-FACE FRIEND?

HAVE YOU EVER PRETENDED
TO BE SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT?

CHATTING ONLINE...

...MAKES IT EASY FOR SOMEONE TO BE DISHONEST

WHAT INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED PRIVATE?

Full Name

Passwords

Home
Address

Birthday

Email
Address

Credit Card
Numbers

Age

Photos of
Yourself

Phone
Number

Mom's Maiden
Name

School's
Name

Family Member's
Workplaces

What should you do as soon as an online-only friend begins asking for private information?

1. Show it to a parent or a trusted adult right away
 2. Log out of the messaging service or website
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