

People Online





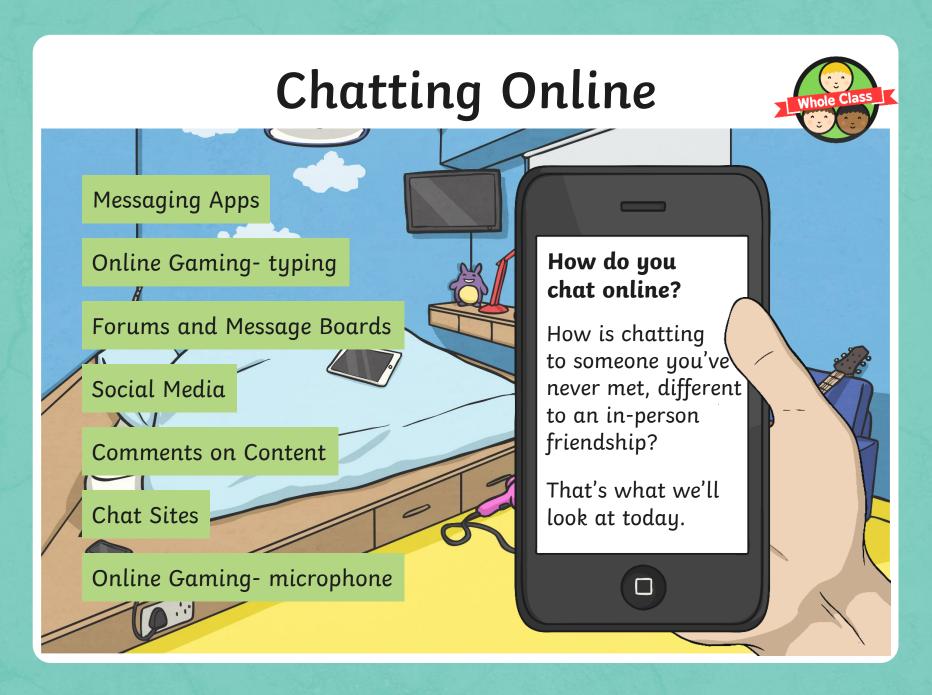
Aim

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I can identify information that I should never share.

Success Criteria

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Why Do We Chat Online?

Why do people like to chat online?

- To make new friends with similar interests.
- To talk to someone who can't tell any of your real-life friends.
- To get advice.
- To meet people to game with regularly.
- To gossip.
- Just for fun!

So... can online friendships and chatting be good? Of course!

If you know how to stay safe.



Who Am I?

Maisie is chatting to a friend she's met online. She a 12 year old girl who lives in West London and goes to a school called Rosebank Secondary.

Here's their conversation:

How old is Jas719?

Is Jas719 a boy?

What is Jas719's real name?

Where does Jas719 live?

Can you describe what Jas719 looks like?

How do you know?

MaisieMoo12:

Hi nice to meet you.

Jas719:

Hey.

MaisieMoo12:

What's your name? Age?

Jas719:

Jack, I'm 13. Where do you live? I live in Brighton.

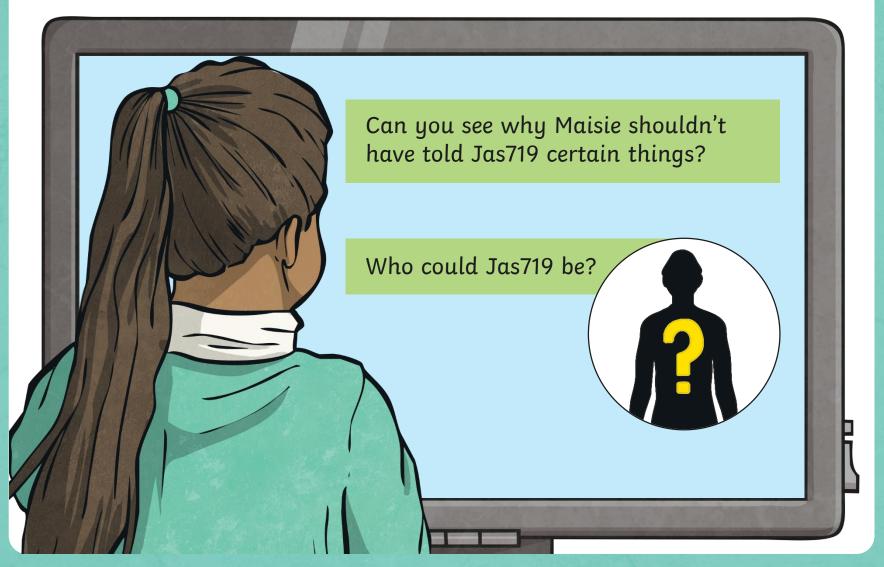
MaisieMoo12:

I'm in London. Do you have a photo so I know what you look like?

Jas719:

I'll send you one later. I have brown hair and eyes and I'm quite tall I suppose.

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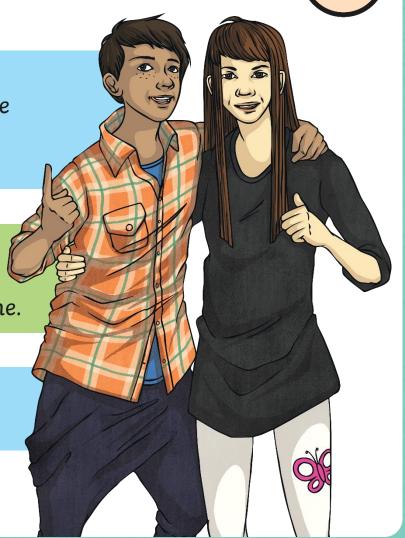


What Can We Talk About?

Thinking about the kind of information Maisie shared with Jas719, and what we know already, what kind of things **can** you talk about online?

Sort the conversation topics on your activity sheet into the categories, **safe** and **unsafe** to reveal to a stranger online.

Remember, any **personal** information should be kept private.



What Can We Talk About?

Safe to talk about online

- Favourite subject at school
- What your hobby is
- How many brothers and sisters you have
- What you did at the weekend
- Your friends (without names)
- Your teachers (without names)
- Your favourite TV show

Did you get them right? If not, can you explain why?

Unsafe to talk about online

- Your date of birth
- Which school you go to
- Where you do your hobbies
- Home address
- Your full name
- Your parents' full names
- The town/city you live in
- Where you went at the weekend.



Look at the examples of some online conversations in groups.

Use the highlighter pens to indicate where you find examples of somebody revealing something they shouldn't online. Make notes at the side to explain why you think they shouldn't give that information away.





Scott2009 has given away:

- His real name in his username
- His birthday
- Where he'll be on Saturday morning

Scott2009:

It's my birthday next week!

NoST57:

Yeah? When?

Scott2009:

On the 13th.

NoST57:

What you getting?

Scott2009:

Asking for new football boots.

I play on a Saturday near
Warburton.



Leedsgirl41 has given away:

- Her city
- Where her school is
- A teacher's name...

What could DrGamerKy work out from this?

Leedsgirl41:

Been on a school trip today.



DrGamerKy:

Where to?

Leedsgirl41:

Just to Carlton Hall. It's a place down the road from my school

DrGamerKy:

What school you go to?

Leedsgirl41:

Hmm... don't think I should say online.

DrGamerKy:

Fair enough. Any favourite teachers?

Leedsgirl41:

Miss Riley is pretty fun.



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Jonesy1010:

Hi!



cAr12Ta:

Hi, who are you?

Jonesy1010:

I'm Lauren.

cAr12Ta:

Hi Lauren, do you live anywhere near Manchester?

Jonesy1010:

Not too far, I sometimes go into Manchester shopping

cAr12Ta:

Me too, my school is St Peters in Manchester so I get the bus in on Friday after school sometimes.

If You're Worried...

If you are worried about online chats and friendships there are lots of good sources of advice online:

www.safekids.com/chat-room-safety www.kidsmart.org.uk www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/stay-safe

If you want to talk to somebody about something online, then you can call Childline, anytime, on: 0800 1111



Remember, if you think that something is serious enough to report to the police, you can ask an adult for advice on, or help to do this.

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