



HOW TO TURN OFF FAKE ONLINE FRIENDS?

A SAFETY GUIDE FOR KIDS ON MAKING REAL FRIENDS ONLINE

Making new friends online is exciting! Just like your school friends or family, you can talk to them about your day, hobbies or home life.

But how do you know if your new online friend is a **real** friend?

MAKING NEW FRIENDS ONLINE

Some people pretend to be kids online. They will play video games and talk to you just like your best friend would. They will say they are the same age as you and that they live close by. They might talk to you about playing the same games, sports or hobbies that you like to play. People who lie about who they are online are very dangerous and can hurt you and other kids just like you!

WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?

If you meet a new friend online, tell your parents about them. They want you to be safe and will make sure that your new friend is a real friend.

It might be uncomfortable or feel weird talking to a grown-up or parent about meeting new friends online. Sometimes you might really like your new friend and if you tell a parent or adult, they might delete your online friend or stop you from talking to them.

Ask a parent or grown-up, 'I've met a new friend online, how do I know if they are real?'. They might ask you some questions about them. Tell them the truth and they will help keep you safe online.

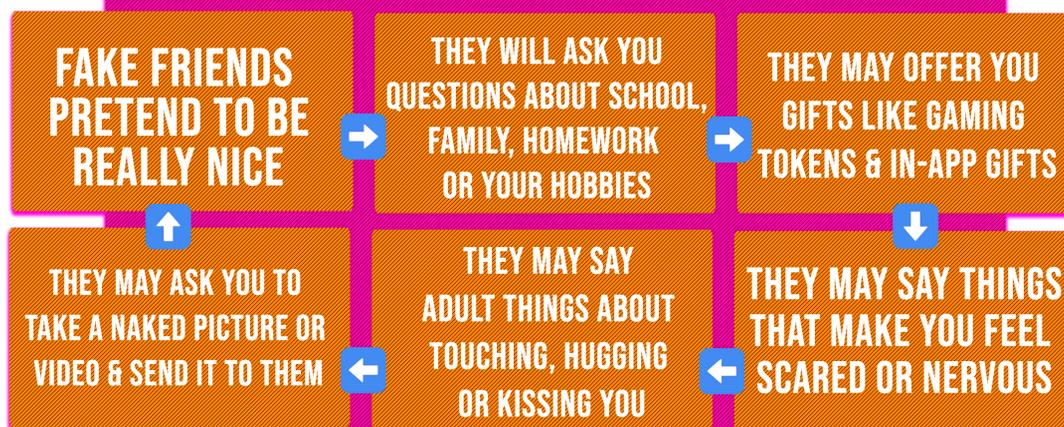
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If someone online makes you feel unsafe, do not talk to them and tell a parent or grown-up. If someone sends you a picture that upsets you or asks you to do something you don't want to, here are some things to make sure you and other kids are safe online:

Take a picture of what the person has said or sent you and show a parent or adult.

Report and block them by asking a parent to help you.

IS YOUR ONLINE FRIEND A REAL FRIEND?



**IF YOUR NEW FRIEND ACTS LIKE THIS
TELL A PARENT OR GROWN-UP IMMEDIATELY**

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