



Activities for ages 14+

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Activity 1: Gaming

- Read the article on gaming on the Thinkuknow website – www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/Need-advice/online-gaming. Watch the video within the article about Paul and JJ who meet on an online game.
- Games are just like a social network in that they allow you to connect with other people. This is part of their appeal, but it can present risks, just like with any other social media. Some adults use gaming to try and harm young people. The article lists some warning signs regarding 'Gamers to look out for'.
- Whether or not you're a keen gamer, think about the broader topic of chatting to people online. Consider the following questions:
 - What are the positives and negatives of chatting online?
 - What do you think are the 'warning signs' young people should be aware of when chatting to others online?
 - Think about Paul in the video. What advice would you give him?
- When completed, discuss your answers with your parent or carer.

Activity 2: My Game

- Imagine you are creating a new game for young people your age:
 - What is the game called? How do you play it? What does it look like?
 - How does it connect young people with others?
 - How many users does it have worldwide?
- Imagine you have an unlimited budget and world-class developers are building your game for you.
- What new and innovative safety features would you build into your game to protect young people? Try and think of a few ideas that have never been done before. For inspiration you could research ideas from other gaming developers (or even Microsoft / Apple / Facebook etc). For example, how would the game verify the age of its users? How would the game monitor inappropriate chat?
- Share your ideas with a parent, or with a friend. Ask them for their ideas too!

About Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. You'll find lots of support and advice for teens at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

CEOP reporting: Young people can report to CEOP if they are ever worried about the way an adult is talking to them online and feel they are at risk or have been sexual abused. A specialist child protection worker will contact you to help you. They will not blame you in any way. It's never your fault. Visit www.ceop.police.uk.