



Activities for 8-10s

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Activity 1: What's great about gaming?

- Having ongoing conversations with your child about what they enjoy doing online and what to do if something worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable is important in keeping them safe online.
- The purpose of this activity is to help you talk about gaming. Ask your child to create a poster to celebrate the games they enjoy playing online. It should include information on what the games are about and the different things that gamers might be able to do in them e.g. talk to others, make purchases. Allow them to explain the games to you and tell you what they enjoy about playing them. If your child does not play any online games, ask them to talk you about games they have heard about or video games they enjoy playing offline.
- Once the activity is complete, explain the importance of telling a trusted adult if they experience anything that makes them worried, uncomfortable or upset while playing a game online

Activity 2: Alfie and the Gamer

- With your child, explore the 'Play' section of the 8-10s website and read the advice on how to play games safely:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/stay-safe/play
- Explain that sometimes in games, someone might try to pressure another gamer into playing with them, chatting to them or going to another game or app. Read the scenario on p.2 with your child and ask them to think about the different ways the gamer tries to make Alfie play with them i.e. offer gifts/rewards, sends lots of messages, makes threats. Thinking about what they learned on the website, discuss what Alfie should do next (i.e. don't reply, tell an adult he trusts and block the gamer).
- Once you've finished, why not play our 'Band Runner' game with your child. Who can get the highest score? www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

About Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Once a fortnight, on Tuesdays, we will produce an activity sheet to help you support your child while schools are partially closed. You'll find lots of support and advice for parents and carers on keeping your child safe online at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/.

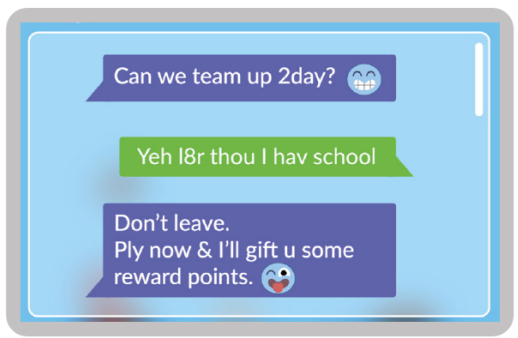
For more advice on safer gaming, including family controls, go to www.askaboutgames.com



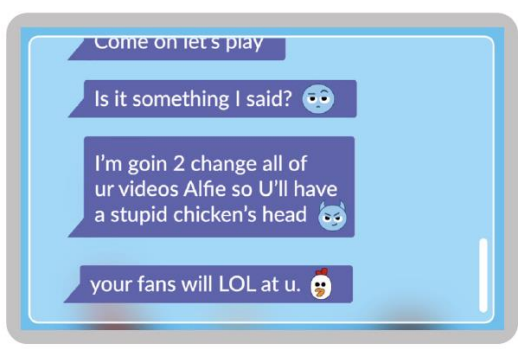
Alfie and the Gamer

Someone Alfie doesn't know has messaged him asking him to play a game. The gamer keeps saying things to try to make him play and Alfie is feeling uncomfortable. Can you help Alfie by writing down the different ways the gamer is trying to get him to play?

Making threats	Offering rewards/gifts	Sending lots of messages
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What do you think Alfie should do next?