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BAD CONNECTION?
Family Conversation Cards Activity

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What is this? Your child played *CyberSafe: Bad Connection?,* a Minecraft Education experience about recognizing online manipulation. These cards walk you through the same scenarios they experienced — so you can talk about them together.

What to expect There are 6 scenario cards. Each one gets more serious, just like it can in real life. You don't need to have played the game. Everything you need is on the cards.

How to do it Read each card together out loud. Talk through the questions. Write your answers. There are no wrong ones. Go at your own pace.

How it ends After all 6 cards, create your own scenarios based on the games and apps your family actually uses.

One rule for the whole activity:
Your child will never be in trouble for anything they share during this conversation.

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Card 1

The First Questions

You're playing Lunar Smash online. A player named Stray3r asks you:
"What's your age?"
"What's your email address?"

Write your answer here

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Talk about it together

What is Stray3r trying to get?

Why would a stranger want to know this?

How would this make you feel?

What could you say? Here are some ideas — or write your own:

"I don't share personal info online. That's just a rule I have."

"I need to check with my parent first."

Your response:

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Card 2

It Gets More Specific

Stray3r keeps going. Now they're asking you and your friends:
"Do you all go to the same school?"
"Where are you located?"

Write your answer here

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Talk about it together

How is this different from Card 1? What changed?

If someone knows your age, email, school, AND city — what could they figure out?

How would this make you feel?

What could you say or do?

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Card 3

The Chat Gets Toxic

Two new players join the game. One of them starts making fun of another player for being a girl, saying she can't be a good gamer. The chat keeps getting worse.

Write your answer here

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Talk about it together

What's wrong with what's happening here?

Why do some people act like this in online games?

If this happened in your game, what could you do?

Say something? What would you say?

Use a game tool? (mute, report, block, leave)

Tell someone? Who?

Your response:

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Card 4

A Cool Offer

Stray3r invites you to a new group chat called “South Side Smashers.” Sounds cool. Then Stray3r says: “Drop your home address and I’ll send everyone a free t-shirt.”

Write your answer here

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Talk about it together

Why does the t-shirt offer feel exciting?

What is Stray3r actually asking for?

What would a real company do differently?

What could you say?

“That doesn’t sound like a good idea. I’m trusting my gut.”

Your response:

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Card 5

The Private Message

Stray3r sends you a private message: “I met up with another Smasher last week and we got exclusive merch. Want to meet up too?”

Write your answer here

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Talk about it together

Why did Stray3r send this privately instead of in the group?

What is Stray3r trying to make you think?

What do you actually know about this person?

What should you do right now? (block, screenshot, tell someone)

Who would you tell?

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Card 6

It Gets Real

You log on and see a message from Stray3r: “I’m stopping by your school this afternoon to give out Smasher t-shirts.”

Write your answer here

Talk about it together

How does this feel different from the other cards?

How might Stray3r know where your school is? (Think back to Card 2.)

This is not just online anymore. What do you do right now?

Who do you tell first?

Remember: You will never be in trouble for telling a trusted adult.

Look at the Big Picture

Go back through all 6 cards. Notice how Stray3r started small — just a couple of questions — and built up to showing up at your school.

What would have happened if someone spoke up at Card 1 or Card 2?

What's the earliest moment you would have said something?

Now Make Your Own

Think about the games, apps, or group chats your family uses. What could happen there? Write your own scenario cards.

My Scenario Card

What's the scenario?

What is the person trying to get?

How would it make you feel?

What would you say or do?

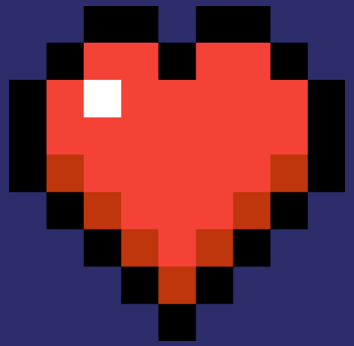
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The conversation is the first step.

Kids who talk to their parents about what happens online are better protected because of trust.

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