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1. Discuss these questions:

- **How can I know if someone online is really who they say they are?**
- **What should you do if someone you don't know online asks you a personal question?** (example: You are playing a game and another player you don't know starts asking you questions.)

Ignore. Block contact. (Elementary school is not a safe time to make new friends online.)

- **When online gaming, what should you do if someone asks you a question not about the game?**

Ignore. Block contact. End game. You never know what's "behind the mask online."

- **Is it O.K. to meet up with someone you met online? Why?**

- *Always tell an adult if someone you already met online wants to meet in person*
- **NEVER** arrange to meet up with anyone **alone**

4. Parent Help:

VIDEO GAMES:

- Know what they are playing and understand the ratings?
- Who are they connecting with? Is there a chat room?
- Use privacy settings and set limits on purchases. Great guidelines for elementary age kids are found [here](#).

CELL PHONE:

- Know what apps your kids are playing on.
- **Cell Phone Contract** - If your child has a cell phone, we strongly suggest using a contract: (Soooo worth your time!) Find it [here](#)



4. Resources:

- This animated [video](#) reviews all the internet safety principles, but reinforces the importance of not connecting with people they do not know online.
- [Video Game Ratings & Reviews](#)