

Continue the Conversation at Home With Your Family

- The best way for parents to help their families develop good Internet skills is to have ongoing conversations about what it means to use the Internet in safe, positive, and productive ways. Try these eight ways to get a good conversation going with your child.
 - 1. Ask "What would you do?" questions. Some examples could include "What would you do if you knew someone was acting inappropriately online?" or "What would you do if you saw a photo posted that you knew a friend wouldn't like?"
 - 2. Be honest. Talk to your kids about your own online life and activities (addiction to social media, web surfing, what you like or hate about social media) and how it has all impacted you. It's sure to spark a good conversation.
 - 3. Ask some fun questions they might not be expecting! You could ask them what their favorite Snapchat filter is, for example, or their favorite celebrity to follow on Instagram. Younger kids might enjoy being asked to show their parents their favorite videos or gaming apps.
 - 4. Play together. Ask them to play a game they've downloaded with you or to show you their favorite YouTube or Vine video—and you do the same in return. You might be surprised by what you'll learn about them during the process.
 - 5. Ask for lessons. Have them teach you how to use Snapchat or give you tips on good "etiquette" on that social channel, for example. If you have younger kids into games like Minecraft, ask for a tour of their virtual world.

- 6. Use opportunities like the drive to school or on the way home from an activity to get a casual conversation going. You have a captive audience for the duration of the drive, so why not take advantage of it?
- 7. Create a conversation journal. Journaling back and forth with your child can make it easier to discuss topics that might be difficult to talk about face-to-face.
- 8. Have a date night. Take your child out to her favorite restaurant and have some one-on-one quality time with her. Once she is warmed up, you can bring a tech talk topic into the conversation.





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