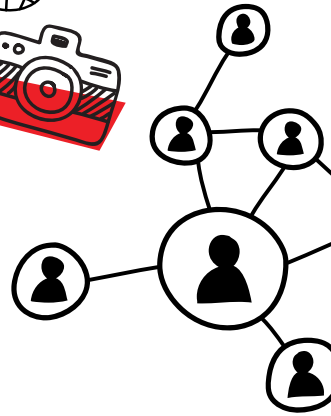
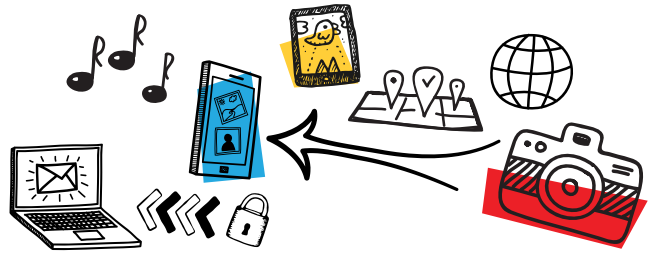




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14 Internet Terms **Parents Need To Know**

© Internet slang seems to change almost daily; how can a parent keep up? We've rounded up some common terms and practices that you might see popping up in your kids' chats online and IRL (in real life).

#selfharmmm

A hashtag used to identify (and often glorify) posts about self-harm habits, such as cutting and burning; users sometimes also share tricks on how to keep these behaviors hidden.

bae

"Before anyone else"; a term of affection for a significant other or crush.

burn note

A message that gets erased after a set period of time.

catfishing

Using a fake profile and/or pretending to be someone else to get a target to share personal information or become romantically involved.

cook session

When a group of people gang up on someone else via social media.

cringepics

Awkward, cringe-inducing photos; these can be used as blackmail and/or be uploaded to public forums.

default

An insult used to describe new or inexperienced players in the game Fortnite.

flaming

Sending angry, rude, or obscene messages to a person, either publicly or privately.

happy slapping

An extreme form of bullying; physical assaults are recorded, then sent to others or posted online.

meme

An idea, activity, or image that goes viral and is shared across the Internet, often in the form of a photo with words superimposed on it.

rage quitting

When a gamer quits after an angry scene directed at the other players; often results from being purposely provoked by other players.

sextortion

Using sexual images to blackmail, humiliate, or get revenge on someone.

text bombing

Sending a large number of text messages to a person at one time so that they can't use their device.

troll

Someone who deliberately makes an inflammatory post or shares misleading information purposely to get other people to respond emotionally.



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