

Up Your Game

This activity has been designed for delivery with young people aged 11 years and older with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for Safer Internet Day.

This activity is adapted from 'Up Your Game' from the Safer Internet Day 2022 Activity Menu for 11-14 year olds.

It also makes use of resources originally created as part of the Childnet STAR toolkit. The STAR toolkit is designed equip, enable and empower educators with the relevant knowledge they need to support young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) in KS3 and KS4. The full toolkit can be found at childnet.com/STAR

Getting Started

Talk to learners about their experiences of using the internet and technology. Can they think of a time they saw people being respectful and kind online? What about disrespectful or unkind?

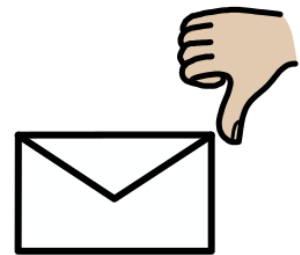
You may like to use the following Widgit symbols to support your discussion.



Respect



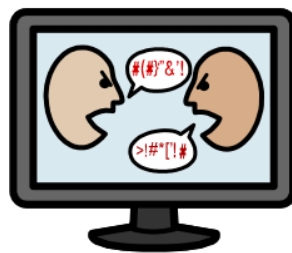
Friendship



Unkind message



Online bullying



Conflict



Kindness



Main Activity

Organise learners into groups and give each group a different *online conflict scenario*.

Ask learners to read through their scenario and talk about this question:
“How do you think each person in this scenario is feeling?”

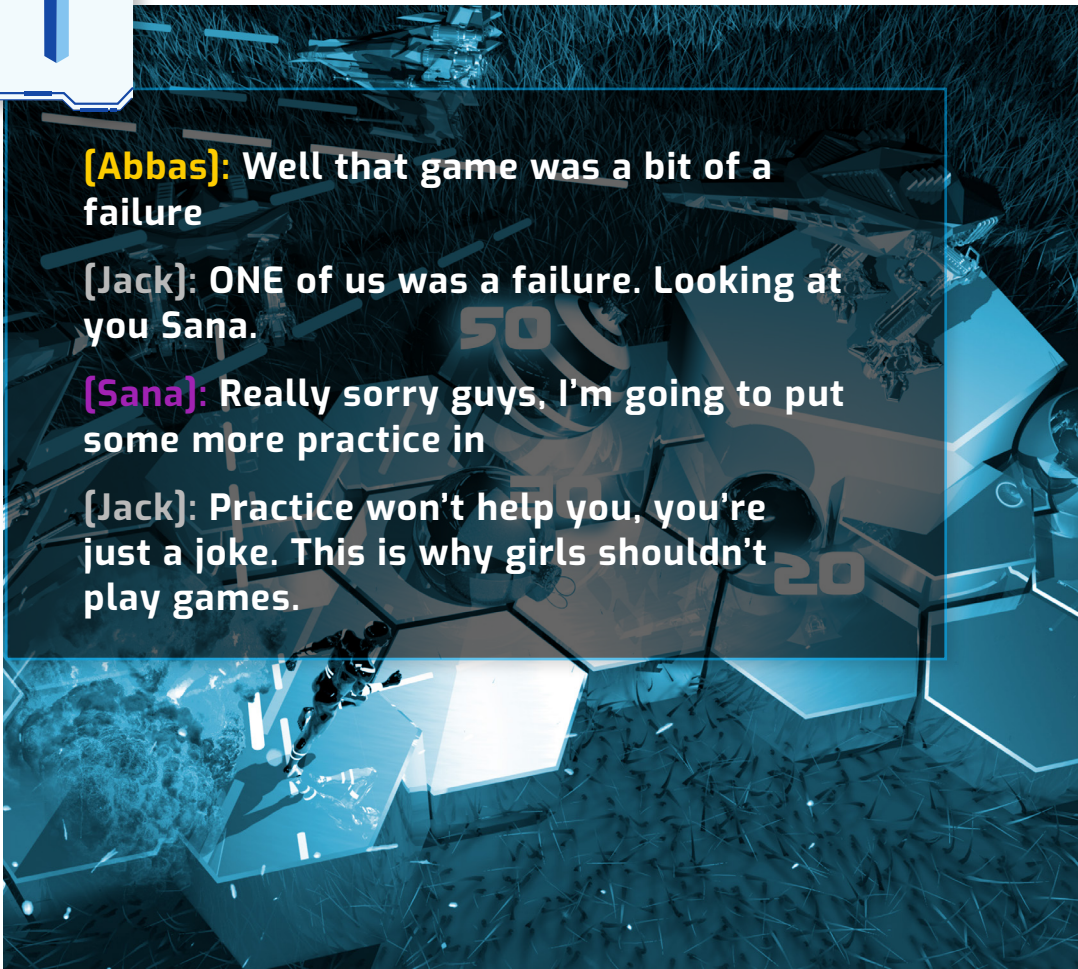
Then give each group a copy of the conflict advice cards. Ask them to decide which three cards they think would be most useful to use to fix this situation.

After their group discussions, ask learners to explain their scenario and feedback their ideas to the other groups.

Ask each young person to decide on their favourite conflict advice from the activity and challenge them to remember this advice next time they are playing a game and things become disrespectful.

You could provide them with copies of the visual conflict advice cards to keep as a prompt.

Online Conflict Scenarios

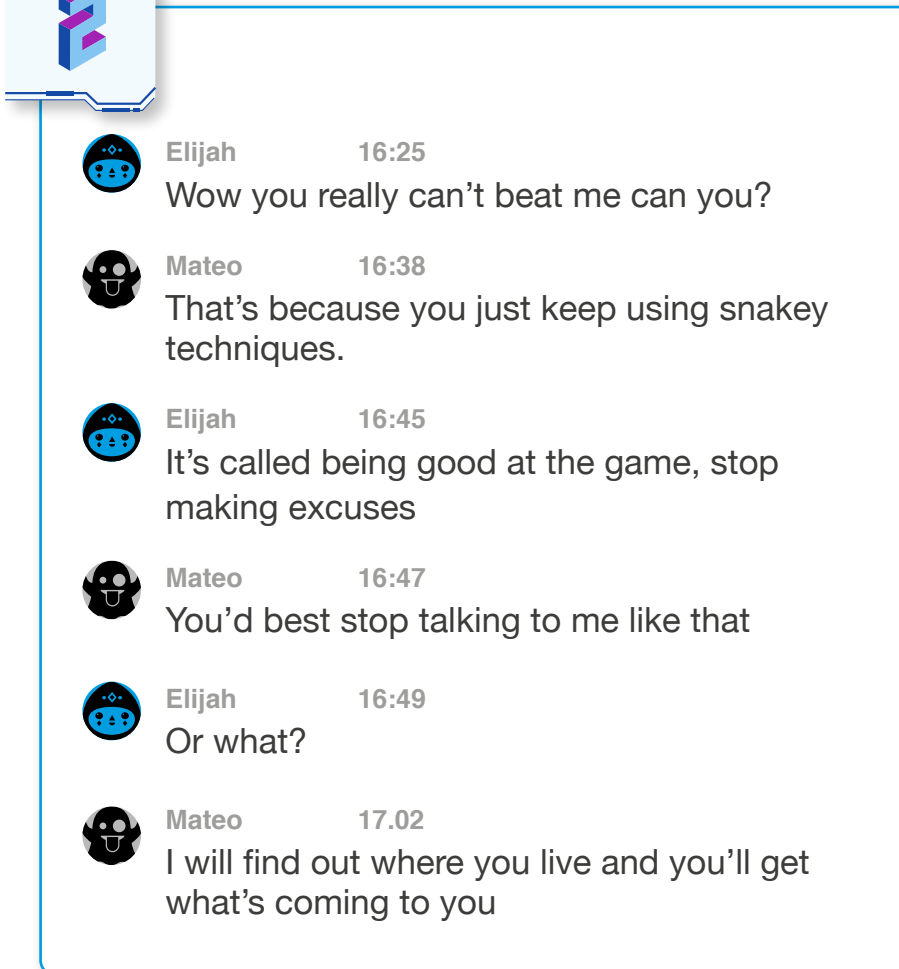


[Abbas]: Well that game was a bit of a failure

[Jack]: ONE of us was a failure. Looking at you Sana.

[Sana]: Really sorry guys, I'm going to put some more practice in

[Jack]: Practice won't help you, you're just a joke. This is why girls shouldn't play games.



Elijah 16:25
Wow you really can't beat me can you?

Mateo 16:38
That's because you just keep using snakey techniques.

Elijah 16:45
It's called being good at the game, stop making excuses

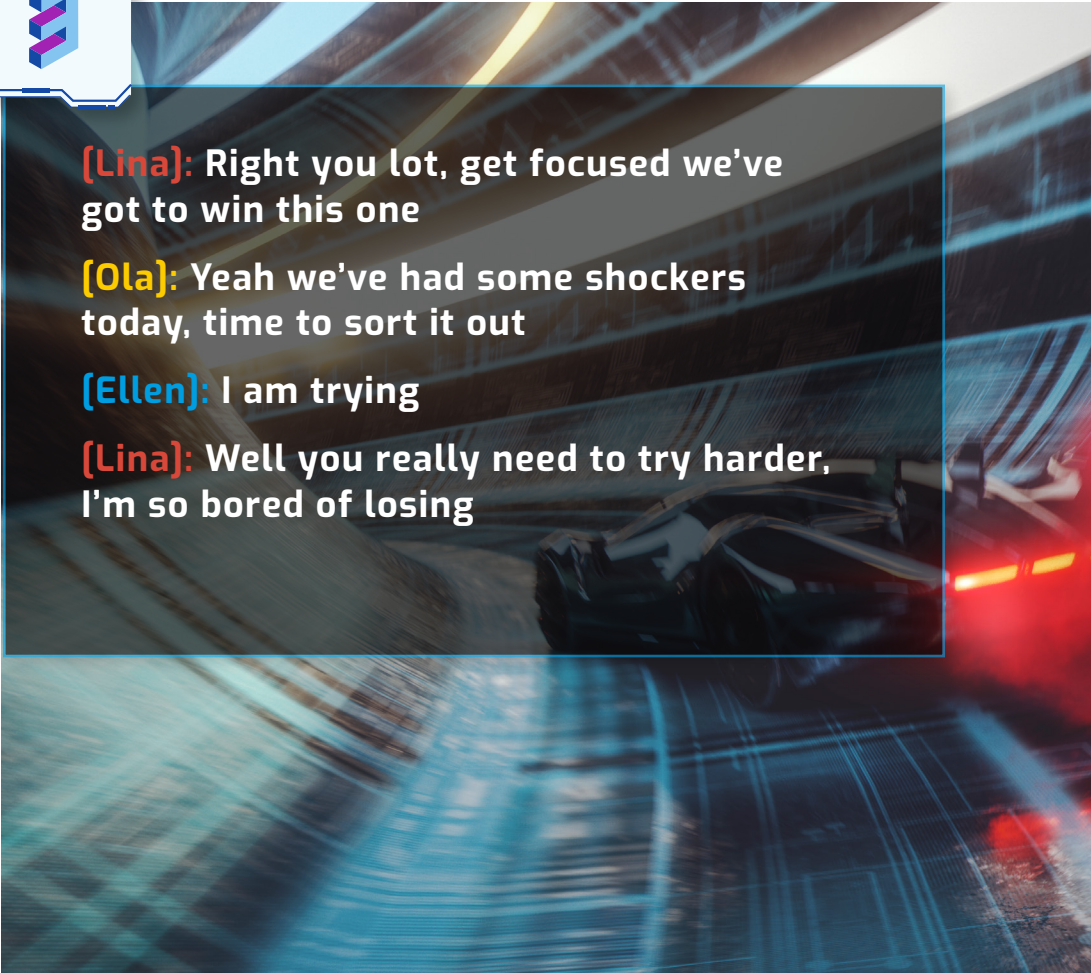
Mateo 16:47
You'd best stop talking to me like that

Elijah 16:49
Or what?

Mateo 17:02
I will find out where you live and you'll get what's coming to you



Online Conflict Scenarios



[Lina]: Right you lot, get focused we've got to win this one

[Ola]: Yeah we've had some shockers today, time to sort it out

[Ellen]: I am trying

[Lina]: Well you really need to try harder, I'm so bored of losing



Harry
You're still coming online tonight right? 13.34

Omari
I really don't think I can, I've got so much homework to catch up on 13.39

Harry
Are you joking? How are you just gonna bail like that? 14.02

Omari
I'm really sorry, but I've got to get this work done 14.08

Harry
Absolute let down man, I've got no one to play with now. You promised you were playing tonight. 14.14



Conflict advice cards

Apologise

If you've done something wrong or accidentally upset someone else, saying sorry is the first step to making things right.

Take it offline

Chatting online is tricky because you can't see how people are feeling. Taking the conversation offline and speaking face to face can make things easier.

Tell a trusted adult

If you're not sure how to fix things or you're feeling worried or upset, tell a trusted adult what has happened so you can work things out together.

Find a compromise

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Agree to disagree

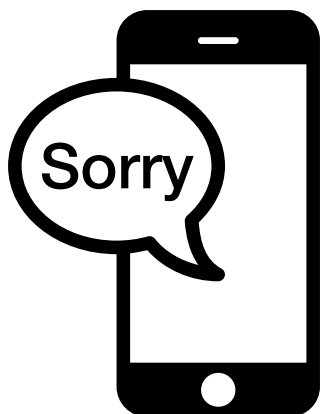
Sometimes two people don't agree – and that's okay! As long as you can both be polite and respectful, agreeing to disagree is a good way to avoid an argument.

Move things along

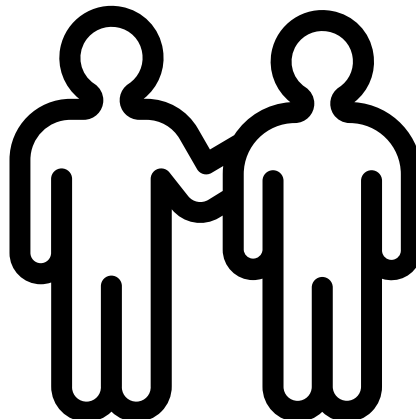
When conflict happens online, try changing the subject or saying something friendly to move things along. A cute animal photo or a joke might work.

Conflict advice cards (visual)

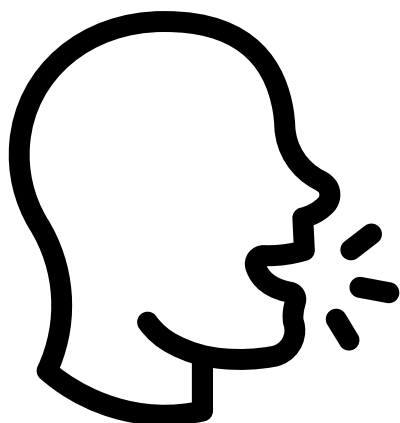
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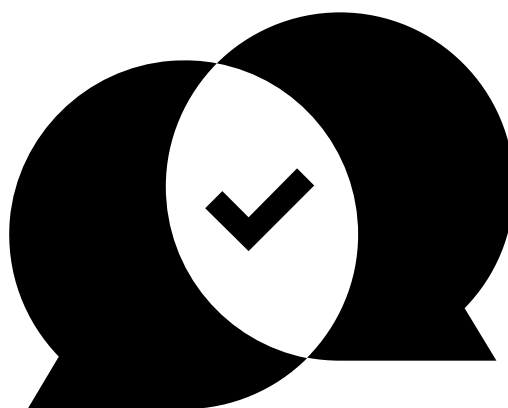
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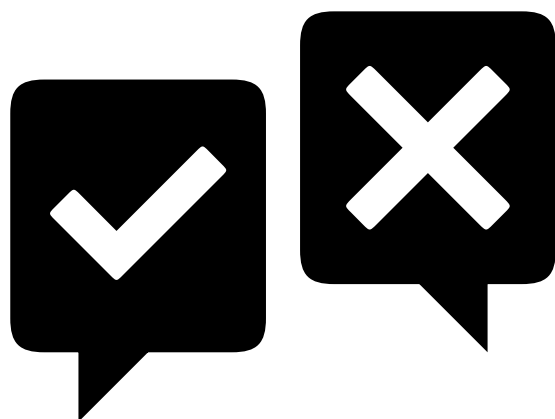
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