

ACTIVITY 3

Connecting safely online

We know pupils often make connections with others online; on social media, or when playing video games. This activity encourages pupils to consider how they can stay safe online, but also explores the differences between online and in person connections.

- This could begin as an active quiz with pupils moving around the room according to yes/no answers to some of the questions, and then move into discussion in small groups/pairs for the open questions.
- Think about connections that are in real life and those that are online.
 - Is your online self different from your self in real life?
 - How are they different or the same?
 - Is it easier or harder to connect with others online or in real life? Why is that?
 - Is your online self a projection of who you would really like to be?
 - Does the way we use our electronic devices enhance or get in the way of connection and communication with others?
 - Encourage pupils to debate these questions.
- It's Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7 February. Visit the [Safer Internet Day website](#)  to use Childnet's free resources to explore how pupils can stay safe online.

 This activity is designed for 11-14 year-olds, but could be used with other age groups too. To extend the content, refer to our other activity ideas.

