

How does the internet work?

The internet uses a huge system of cables and wires which allow information to be sent electronically: sometimes they even go underwater to connect different countries! The computer you use won't be connected directly to all of these cables though – just to some smaller local ones.

So when your computer, phone or games console connects to the internet the information travels first through smaller, local cables and wires, before reaching the bigger ones.

Wi-Fi is where information travels through the air and doesn't need a cable or wire to reach the computer. It's mostly used over very small distances – maybe to connect devices in your house or school.

Today, we will focus on *Social Media*, *Mobile Phones* and *Gaming*.



We will also be focussing on the words *permission* and *consent*.

What do we know about these words?

Permission is when you are **given** the right to do something from someone who is in authority.

This may be a parent, giving you **permission** to play Fortnite, even though you might not be old enough to do so. A teacher may give you **permission** to use the internet at school.



Consent is an agreement between two parties of equal authority. Either one has a right to say **no** and the action only happens if **BOTH** of them agree.



We are going to look at some scenarios and you are going to have to decide which is the correct decision to make from the five different statements below.

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- I don't know if it's right or wrong
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You add someone new to your online game without asking your other friends who are playing first.



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Your parent gives you permission to play a new game rated 12+, then at a friend's house you play a different game, with the same rating.



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One of your friends shows a joke you sent in private to everyone else in your class.

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

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One of your friends from school messages you asking for the phone number of one of your other friends.



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One of your friends shares a picture of you or a family member without asking you.



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See if you can work through each of these scenarios and decide what you should do in each one.

This happens online...

Your parent/carer shares their favourite picture of you on their social media, but you don't like it.

You give your phone to a friend to take a photo of you and they start looking through all your other photos as well.

You've invited your friend to join your online game and they invite some other people to join as well.

You download a new game and a window appears asking for permission to know your location.

Your parent/carer agrees to let you go on their phone, but is angry when you go on their emails.

Your older brother or sister posts an embarrassing video of you dancing on their social media.

Your friend's parents won't let them have their own phone, so they ask if they can have your old one.

What would you do?

Let's come up with some key rules that we all should stick to when we are interacting with other people through social media and when we are gaming.



Think about those words or **permission** and **consent**.

Also, think about how you should treat people!