

Activity 36 Worksheet – Setting the scene

Copy and cut out the cards below, and give one pack of cards to each pair/group of students. If your students are teenagers, ask them to imagine themselves in each situation and discuss what they would do. If your students are adults, ask them to imagine their own children, or a teenager they know, in each situation. Students should note down the card numbers along with at least one suggestion for how to deal with each scenario.

▶ Card 1 ◀

One of your social networking 'friends', whom you haven't actually met, asks for your address and telephone number so you can meet up in real life.

What do you do?

▶ Card 2 ◀

You have been exchanging private messages on a social networking site with a friend you haven't met. He is the same age as you and has similar interests. He sends you a new photo of himself, and asks you to send him a new photo of yourself.

What do you do?

▶ Card 3 ◀

A real-life friend of yours has hundreds of contacts on her social networking page. She offers to share these friends with you, so that you can have more friends yourself.

What do you do?

▶ Card 4 ◀

A friend posts a message on your page on a social networking site, saying (in your language): 'Hey, look at this bad stuff people are saying about you!', with a link.

What do you do?

▶ Card 5 ◀

You have created a social networking profile called 'sexygirl1985' (or 'sexyboy1985').

Strangers are now sending you messages which make you feel uncomfortable.

What do you do?

▶ Card 6 ◀

You have been chatting online for several weeks via webcam with somebody you met in a virtual world months ago.

One day he asks you to take your shirt off, and says that if you do he will buy you the new jeans you have been talking about.

What do you do?

► Card 7 ◀

At a recent party, your friend took some photos of you that you don't like, and he has now put them on his social networking page, tagged with your name.

What do you do?

► Card 8 ◀

Your friends are talking about a new website where you can post photos and chat to others. When you go to sign up yourself, you see that the website wants a picture of you, your email address, your home address and your mobile phone number.

What do you do?

► Card 9 ◀

Some of your friends have been posting cruel comments about a teacher in your school on their pages on a social networking site. You don't particularly like the teacher, but you don't think he is that bad.

What do you do?

► Card 10 ◀

A girl in your class has started sending you nasty mobile phone text messages. She says if you tell anybody, she will make your life hell at school.

What do you do?

► Card 11 ◀

Your friend plans to set up an online group called 'Let's burn down the school!' and invite school friends to join it. He thinks it will be a funny joke.

What do you do?

► Card 12 ◀

Someone has been posting unpleasant messages to a social networking page with your username. You don't know who it is.

What do you do?