

MANAGING SELF





This is Alex. Alex likes taking care of his family and friends.

He loves it when his mum drops him off at school. One morning he introduced his mum to his friends.

"This is my mum. Her name is Cara Benzo. She works at NZ Post. My brother and I go there after school sometimes."



Alex knows it is safe to share things about his family with his classmates. They know where he lives and the name of his dog.

But there are some things that Alex keeps private. He wouldn't tell his classmates where his family keeps the spare house key.



This is Alex's friend Sam. They like playing games together, especially soccer. They enjoy playing online games too. Sometimes they play against people they don't know.

Alex knows he needs to keep information about himself, his friends and his family private when he goes into an online space.

Another player once asked "What school do you go to?"

Alex did not answer. He knew this had nothing to do with the game.



Being safe online

1. When Sam and Alex signed up for the online game, they were asked to upload a picture of themselves that other players could see.

Discuss which picture you think would be best for Alex to use.







Design a picture that you might use if you were signing up for a game. You might draw yourself as your favourite animal, a ninja, a flower, or a type of car.

2. Alex was also asked to provide a name which other players will see.

Which name do you think is best for Alex to use? Why?

Alex_1

Zoomer

Alex_Benzo

Can you create a name to use online? Share what it is and why you think it is safe. What would you say if someone asks what your real name is?

3. Identify and discuss things that could be discussed during an online game and things that should remain private.

Your real name Your favourite level

Your password The name of your sister or brother

Your highest score Other games you like

Think of some other things that would be safe to share during an online game.

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