



Physical World	Cyber World
<p>You bully someone at school. You get sent to the principal. You are hurting someone, whether you mean to or not, and that is not good.</p>	<p>You type something mean to someone on the computer. That is bullying too. It's called cyberbullying, but you won't get called to a cyber principal's office. You will get into REAL trouble with your parents, your principal (if it involves someone from your school), and possibly even the police.</p>
<p>When you say something mean to someone, you can see that you hurt their feelings. You can see it in their face. They may say something mean back to you. It might lead to a bad fight and the end of your friendship. Or you might see you have hurt their feelings, and you might say sorry and try to heal the hurt.</p>	<p>When you type something mean, you can't see that person's face, but it still hurts them. You might not have meant to be hurtful. People can't see your face or hear your tone of voice, so they don't know if you are joking with them. You may have made your friend very sad, and you don't even know it. You don't get to make it all right.</p>
<p>Your friends are people you know and like. They are probably pretty close to your age. They probably like the same sports and read similar books. You trust your friends. Your parents might even know each other.</p>	<p>A stranger wants to be your friend. They are not part of your physical world. You have not met him or her. In fact, you can't be sure if it really is a man or woman. You certainly don't know how old this person is. It could be a 40-year-old man pretending to be a girl or boy your age.</p>
<p>You tell your friends things about yourself. You say, "I live two streets away on Station Road." "I'm eight years old." "I love soccer, and I play for Shining Stars club on Saturday mornings." "I'm going on holidays at Easter for two whole weeks." You might take photos with your friend or give her or him a photo of yourself.</p>	<p>If a stranger on the street asked you where you live, how old you are, what games you like to play, where or when your family is going on holiday, or asked you for a photo, you would think there was something weird or wrong. There is. This is not someone you know in the physical world. You do not share information with a stranger.</p>

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<p>You ask your parent's permission to go outside to ride your bike, play with your friends, or shoot some baskets. It's important that they know where you are, who you're with, and how long you will be. They may even decide to come with you. They do this because they love you and want you to have fun and be safe.</p>	<p>You ask permission to go on the computer. You tell your parents what you are looking at, what sites you visit, what games you play, and who you are playing with. You give your parents all of your passwords, and they will check to see what you have been doing and who you have been playing with or chatting to. You do this so your parents know you are safe while having fun on the computer.</p>
<p>You play games in the physical world. There are rules in most games. You follow these so that everyone has fun and stays safe. Your parents might ask questions about a new game you played at school. You can explain the rules and how much fun you're having with your friends. Your parents may play with you sometimes.</p>	<p>You play games in the cyber world. You may need to explain these games to your mum and dad and show them how they work. You can explain the rules and how you play with friends if that happens in the game. You can get them to play with you so they can feel safe about the game too. You can help your parents understand these new games.</p>

<p>The people I meet and know in the physical world are real.</p>	<p>The people I meet and play or chat with in the cyber world are real. You just can't be sure who they are—even if they send you a photo. It may not really be that person in the photo.</p>
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