GRADE 6: CHATTING SAFELY ONLINE

Video Discussion

What You'll Need: • Video • Student Handout • Student Handout (Spanish)

Activity Steps

1. **Introduce** the video topic to students by saying: *Today we're going to watch a video exploring how to chat safely with people you meet online.*
2. **Show** the video [Teen Voices: Who You're Talking to Online](3:27 minutes). (Note: Use the video player to turn on subtitles in Spanish.)
3. **Lead** a class discussion exploring the questions below.

**Distance learning option:** Have students watch the video and complete the handout. If there's time, have students share their responses during a video meeting.

Discussion Questions

1. **What are some of the benefits -- and risks -- of talking with people online that you don't know face-to-face?**
   
   **Sample responses:**
   - **Benefits:**
     - In online communities, you can connect with people who have similar interests.
     - It can be easier to share and be more open about hardships you're going through in a way that may not be possible with your face-to-face friends.
   - **Risks:**
     - You don't fully know who you are talking to, and therefore you can't completely trust them.
     - You don't know if they have bad motivations or intentions.

2. **What's one comment in the video that you agree with, and why?**
   - Answers will vary.

3. **What do you share with others online?**
   - Answers will vary.