

TIPS FOR USING GAMES AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN A MODERATE WAY

For young persons, based on the FITING4YOU Project (2024-2025)

WHY DO WE GO ONLINE?

The internet can be a great place for:

- Playing fun games
- Talking to friends
- Learning new things
- Feeling better when we're bored or lonely

\\ HOW MUCH TIME IS TOO MUCH?

Being online all day can make you:

- Tired
- Upset
- Late for school or other things

SPENDING MONEY ONLINE

Games and social media often ask you to buy things, like:

- New clothes for your avatar
- Coins or points
- Items you saw in videos or ads

TRY THIS:

It can sometimes be too much and make us feel bad. That's when we need to be careful.

TRY THIS:

- Use a timer to help take breaks
- Do something fun offline (like music or sports)
- Ask someone to help make a daily plan

TRY THIS:

- Talk to someone before you buy
- Set a limit on how much you spend
- Ask: "Do I really need this?"

ADS AND INFLUENCERS

You might see cool stuff in videos and games—but not everything is real or worth your money.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

The internet is not always safe. Sometimes people can be mean, or you can lose your account or items.

WHAT HELPS ME STAY BALANCED?

Spending too much time or money online can give you a bad mood, effect your offline relationships and give you false information.

TRY THIS:

- Think: "Are they trying to sell me something?"
- Talk about what you see with an adult you trust
- Wait a day before you buy something

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TRY THIS:

- Never share your passwords
- Be kind online—just like in real
 life
- Tell an adult if someone is mean or scary



TRY THIS:

- · Having fun hobbies outside the screen
- Joining a club, group, or activity
- Learning about online safety and money
- Asking family or adults you trust when you need help



? REMEMBER:

You are in control!

- Games and social media should make you feel happy - not stressed, tired, or broke.
- Take breaks. Ask questions. Do other things.





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