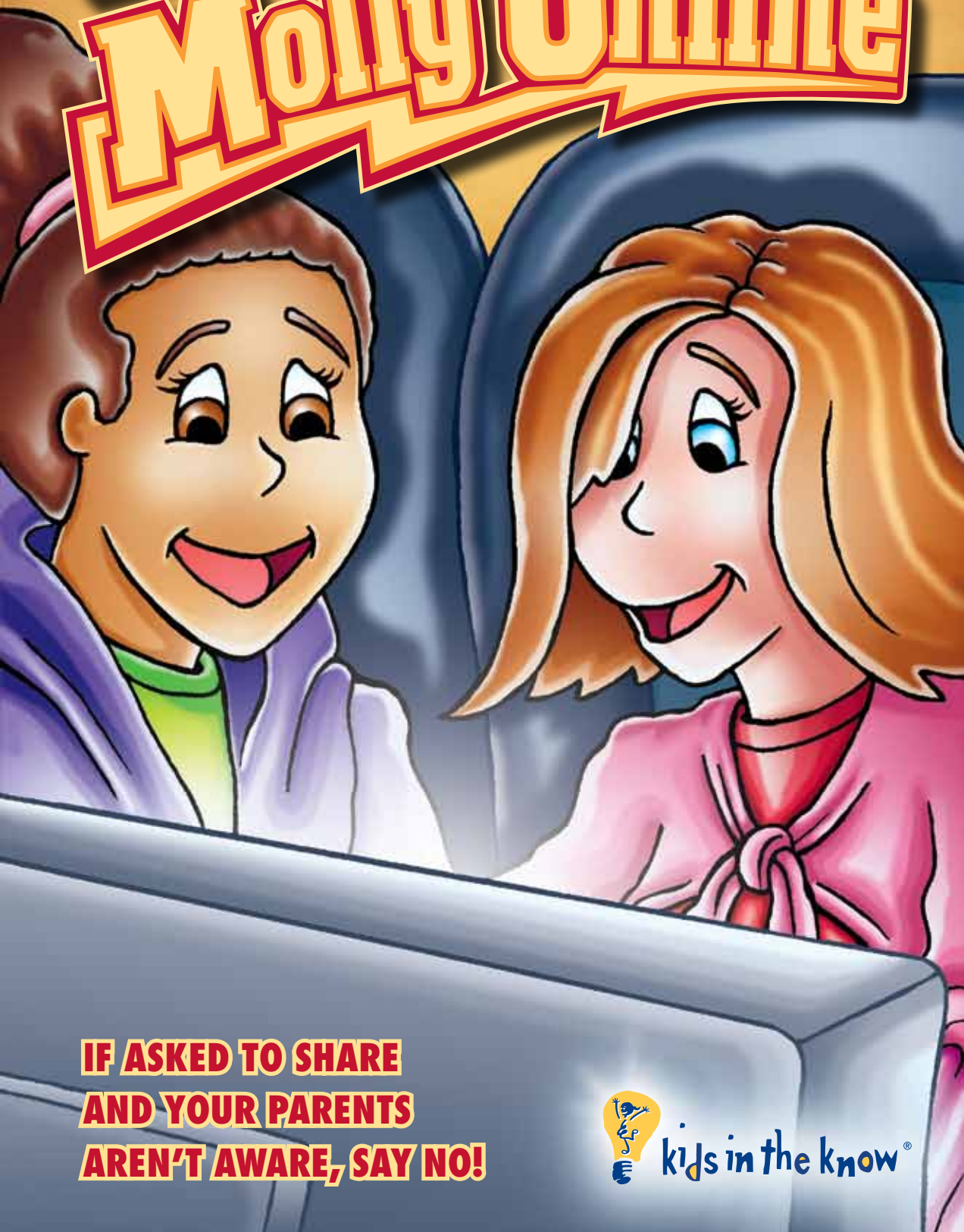


Zoe & Molly Online™



**IF ASKED TO SHARE
AND YOUR PARENTS
AREN'T AWARE, SAY NO!**



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As a strategy to reduce the risk of children being victimized, it is important to teach children not to share personal information on the Internet. The public nature of the Internet should be reinforced so that children understand they can easily lose control of private information and it can increase their risk towards victimization.

“Kids in the Know” is a safety program designed to empower children and reduce their risk of victimization. It focuses on building self-esteem through teaching critical problem solving skills. The program uses an inclusive, community-based approach to heighten safety awareness. The core premise of the curriculum is based on key root safety strategies and environments, which are reinforced and practiced throughout each grade level.

The “Zoe and Molly Online” comic book with Internet activities is one of a series of material that has been designed to reinforce the 7 Root Safety Strategies. It corresponds with the “If Asked to Share and Your Parents Aren’t Aware – Say No!” root safety strategy. To access online activities visit zoeandmolly.ca.

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Zoe and Molly are best friends. They are 10 years old and in grade five. They go to King Arthur Elementary School. They have fun playing on the Internet. Lately they are spending a lot of time playing a game called “House Pets.” In the game, pets are bought and houses are designed. Points are earned through games which are then used to buy animals, animal homes, furniture, food and toys, etc.. During recess at school . . .



Hi Zoe!

Hi Molly!



Want to come over to my house after school and play House Pets? I think I am going to get a pug puppy today.

Awesome. What are you going to name it?

Not sure yet.



Zoe and Molly go back to class.

I'll have to ask my Grandma if I'm allowed to come over after school.

Ok. Let me know.



After school . . .

I can come over.

Great!



How many pets have you collected?

Three.



What kind are they?

A parrot, a salamander and a tabby cat.



What did you name them?

The parrot's name is Mike, the salamander is Skooter, and the cat is Gabrielle.



Cool! I don't know what I should name my new pet.

I don't have enough money to buy it. It costs 100,000 pts. But, I met this girl in the house store and she might trade her pug with me. She's really nice.

Are you going to buy the pug puppy?

What's her name?



No_rulz11. I don't know her real name.

Where is she from?

Florida.

How old is she?

11.



Kind of...I think we've talked about six times.

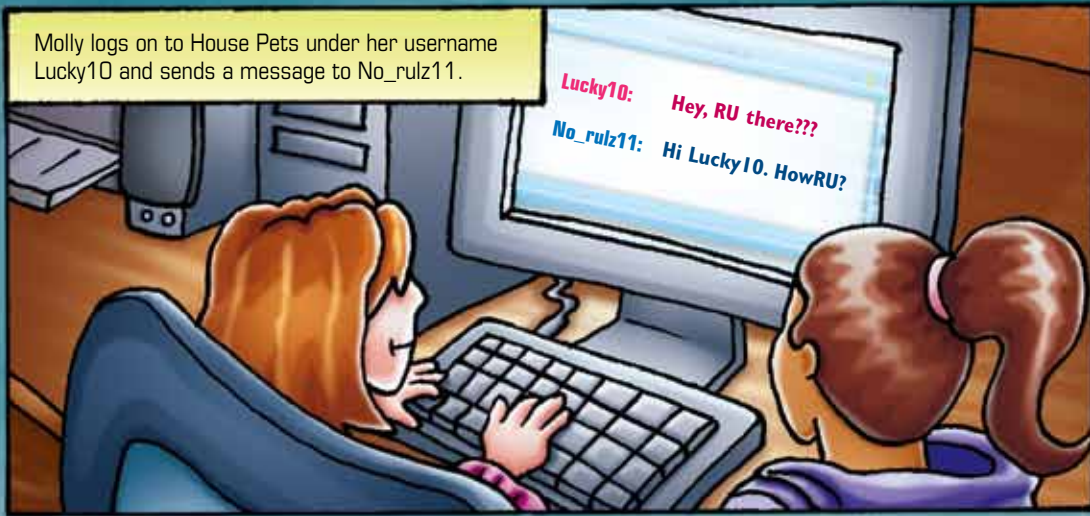
Do you talk to her a lot?



Okay.

Let's log on and see if she'll trade with you now.

Molly logs on to House Pets under her username Lucky10 and sends a message to No_rulz11.



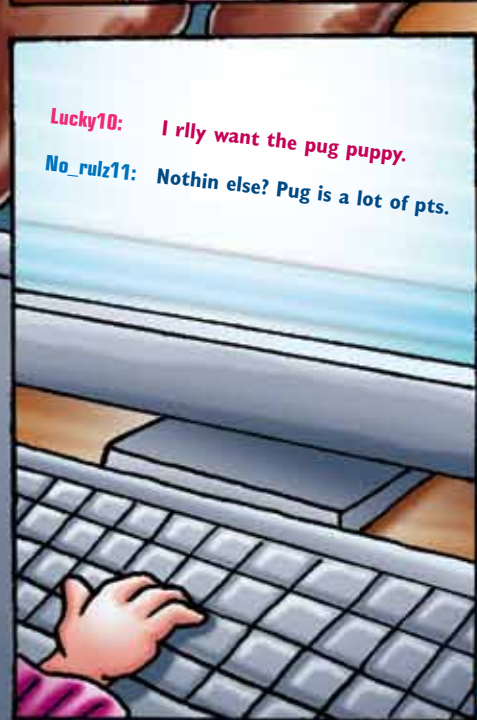
Lucky10: Hey, RU there???

No_rulz11: Hi Lucky10. HowRU?



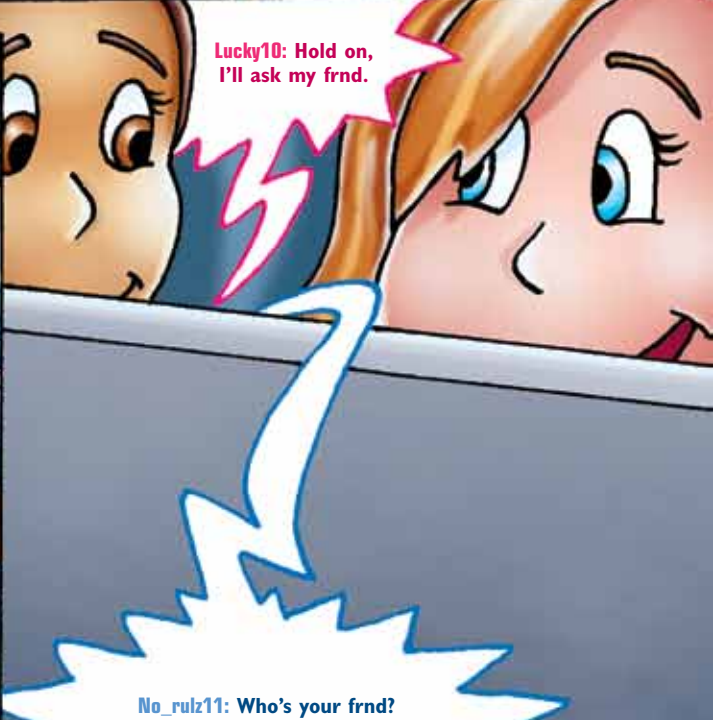
Lucky10: Good. Wonderin if u still wanted to trade w me?

No_rulz11: MayB. I have tunz of pets. What RU lukin 4?



Lucky10: I rlly want the pug puppy.

No_rulz11: Nothin else? Pug is a lot of pts.



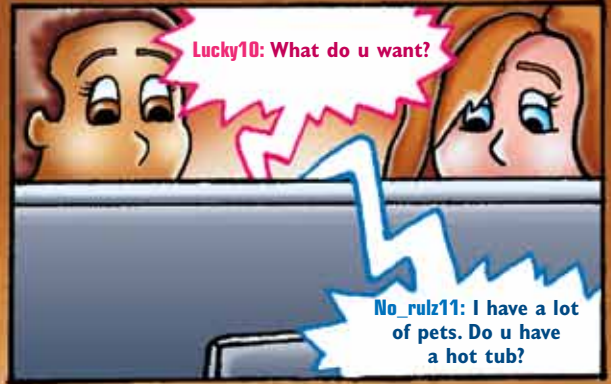
Lucky10: Hold on, I'll ask my frnd.

No_rulz11: Who's your frnd?



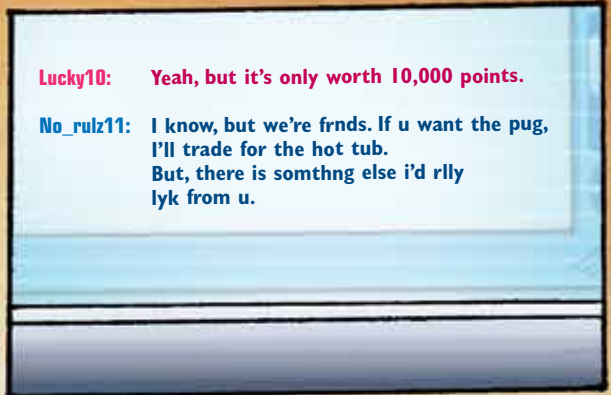
Lucky10: Zoe. We've been BFz4evr.

No_rulz11: Say hi to her. I know I sed I might trade my pug with u, but it's worth 100,000 pts. What RU going 2 trade 4 it?



Lucky10: What do u want?

No_rulz11: I have a lot of pets. Do u have a hot tub?



Lucky10: Yeah, but it's only worth 10,000 points.

No_rulz11: I know, but we're frnds. If u want the pug, I'll trade for the hot tub. But, there is somthng else i'd rllly lyk from u.



WOOHOO!

YAH!

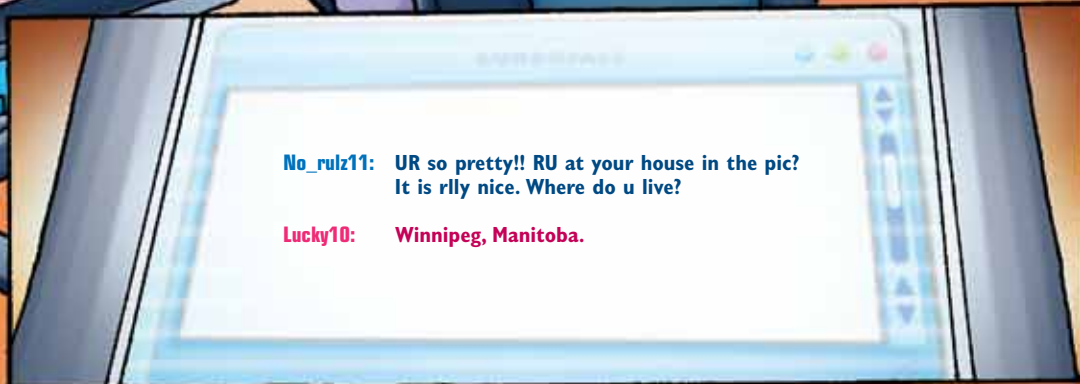
Lucky10: NEthing!!! UR so nice! This is the best day evr!!

No_rulz11: I rlly want a pic of u. I have a wall in my bedroom with all my frnds pics and i want to add u to it. Can u send me 1??? My address is no_rulz11@hotmail.com.

Molly looks at Zoe and asks her what she thinks. Molly's instincts are sending her a signal and she isn't sure about this request. Her parents have told her not to send pictures online to anyone that she doesn't know. But No_rulz11 is a friend and she is super nice!!! She is going to trade the pug with her and it is worth 100,000 points!! Zoe and Molly decide that it is okay to send her a picture. Molly uploads a picture of herself and sends it to No_rulz11 through email.

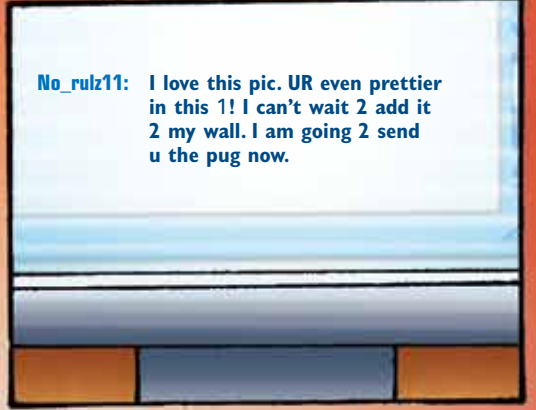


Molly looks at Zoe and they laugh. They think it's weird, but they get the digital camera and Zoe takes a picture of Molly. No_rulz11 explains how to attach it through email. The picture is sent.



No_rulz11: UR so pretty!! RU at your house in the pic? It is rly nice. Where do u live?

Lucky10: Winnipeg, Manitoba.



No_rulz11: I love this pic. UR even prettier in this !! I can't wait 2 add it 2 my wall. I am going 2 send u the pug now.

No_rulz11: Rily? I have anothr frnd in Winnipeg. What skool do u go 2?



Lucky10: King Arthur. What skool does your frnd go 2?

No_rulz11: James Douglas.



Lucky10: That skool is pretty close 2 me.

No_rulz11: I'll send you the pug, but 1st, I have another favR 2 ask u. Can u take another pic and send it 2 me? I want 2 see what u look like right now. Your friend can use a digital camRA and I'll teach u how 2 send it.

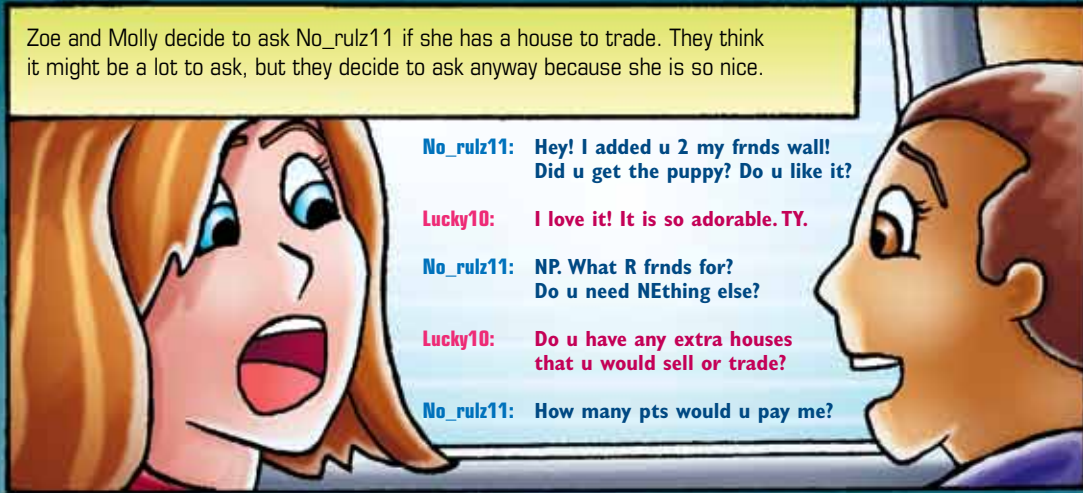
Lucky10: U want anothr pic of me? No one evr rly asks for my pic. LOL.



Molly receives the pug puppy. She and Zoe are so excited! They think it is the cutest puppy they have ever seen. Molly feels special because not many people can get this puppy. The two girls start to play games to win enough points to buy it a house.



Zoe and Molly decide to ask No_rulz11 if she has a house to trade. They think it might be a lot to ask, but they decide to ask anyway because she is so nice.



No_rulz11: Hey! I added u 2 my frnds wall! Did u get the puppy? Do u like it?

Lucky10: I love it! It is so adorable. TY.

No_rulz11: NP. What R frnds for? Do u need Nething else?

Lucky10: Do u have any extra houses that u would sell or trade?

No_rulz11: How many pts would u pay me?



Lucky10: I only have 10,000 pts left.

No_rulz11: What if we do the same thng as last time?

Lucky10: What do u mean?

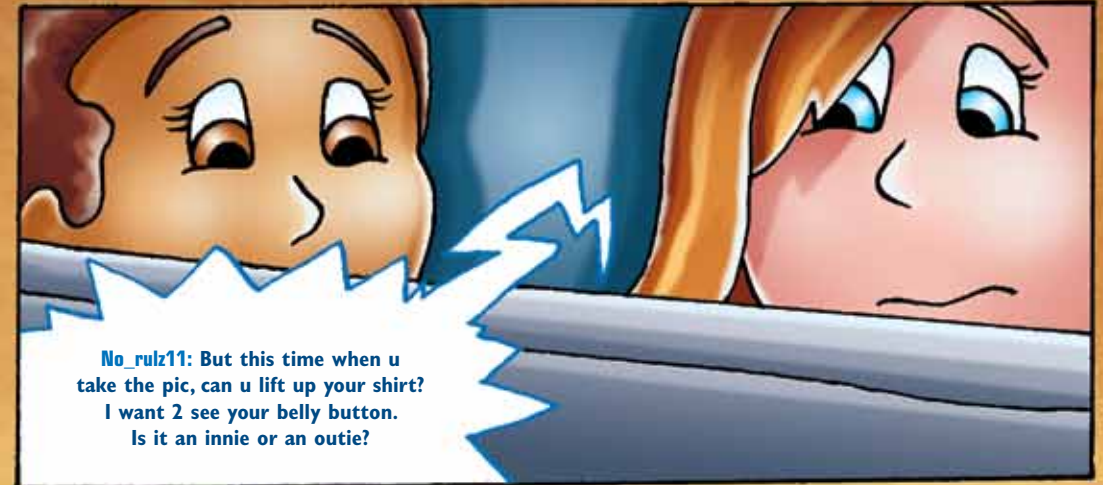


Lucky10: Rilly? RU sure?

No_rulz11: Yeah, UR a rilly good frnd.

Lucky10: Thanks. I think UR a good frnd 2.

No_rulz11: I'll trade u my house for 5,000 pts and leave u with enuf pts 2 buy furniture, and u send me anothr pic.



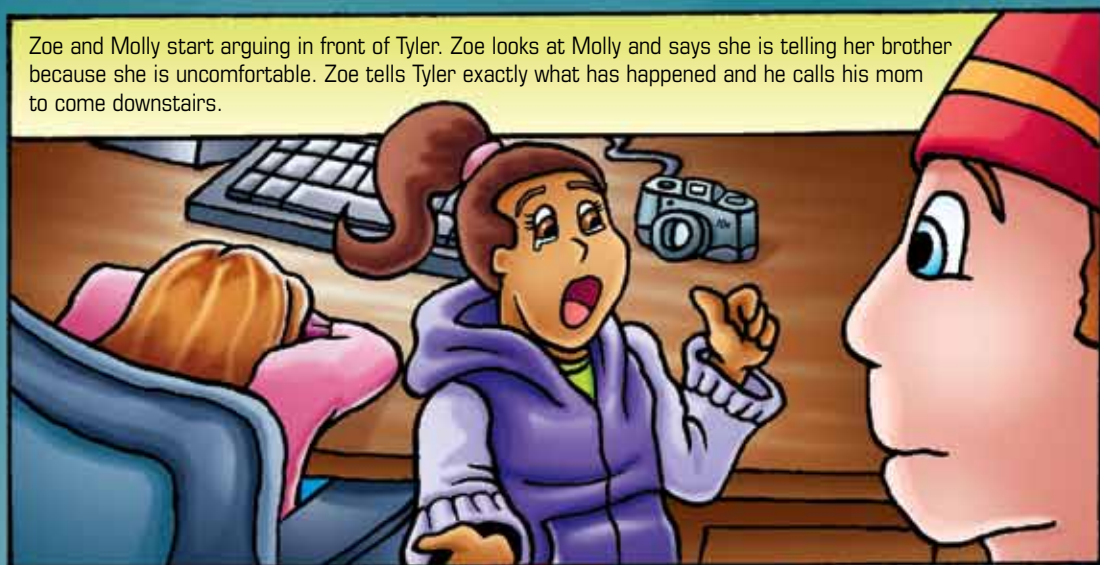
No_rulz11: But this time when u take the pic, can u lift up your shirt? I want 2 see your belly button. Is it an innie or an outie?

Zoe asks Molly why No_rulz11 would want a picture of her belly button. She thinks it's weird and that Molly shouldn't do it. Molly gets angry with Zoe and tells her that she is just jealous of her getting the puppy and the house. The girls start to argue. Molly's 17-year-old brother, Tyler, comes downstairs and Zoe starts to cry.



What's up you two? Molly, why is Zoe crying?

I don't know?



I. Read the following ending of *Zoe & Molly Online* and discuss it as a class:

Molly's mom hugs her and Zoe. She explains that new friendships should not be started online without permission from your parents/guardian. It is impossible to know who you are really talking to and it can be unsafe. She asks the girls how they really know if No_rulz 11 is an 11-year-old girl? The two girls look at each other wide-eyed. She continues explaining that whenever they are asked to share personal information or pictures online, they must first have permission from a parent, or in Zoe's case, as she doesn't live with her parents, her grandparents.

Molly's mom teaches the girls the safety strategy **IF ASKED TO SHARE AND YOUR PARENTS AREN'T AWARE, SAY NO!**

Zoe and Molly realize that they don't really know No_rulz11 and they should have trusted their instincts when they started feeling that things were weird.

The girls continue playing *House Pets* remembering to do the following:

- always have permission from a parent/guardian before adding new contacts to buddy lists
- always have permission from a parent/guardian before sharing personal information or sending pictures online
- always talk to a safe adult about anything online that seems weird or feels uncomfortable

II. On a separate sheet of paper draw your own ending to *Zoe & Molly Online*.



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III. Questions:

1. At what point in the comic does the conversation between Molly and No_rulz11 become strange?
2. Why does Molly send No_rulz11 the first picture?
3. What is the first piece of personal information that Molly shares with No_rulz11?
4. How does Zoe feel when Molly is asked for her picture? How do you know?
5. What safety strategy does Zoe remember?
6. Does Zoe do the right thing by telling Tyler what is happening? Why or why not?
7. What do you think Zoe should have done, if Tyler hadn't come downstairs?
8. Why does Molly think No_rulz11 is a good friend? Do you think she is right? Explain.
9. Do you think that you would have been more like Molly or Zoe in this situation?
10. Do you think No_rulz11 was really an 11-year-old girl? Why or why not?

INTERNET GLOSSARY FOR COMIC BOOK

Abbreviation	Meaning
anothr	another
NEthing	anything
R	are
RU	are you
BFz4evr	best friends forever
camra	camera
enuf	enough
evr	ever
favR	favour
4	for
frnd	friend
frnds	friends
LOL	laugh out loud
lyk	like
lukin	looking
howRU	how are you
mayB	maybe
NP	no problem
1	one
pic	picture
pics	pictures
pts	points
rllly	really
sed	said
skool	school
somthng	something
TY	thank you
thng	thing
2	to
tunz	tons
W	with
U	you
UR	you are



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