

Primary 5-7 Lesson



Be informed.



Be curious.

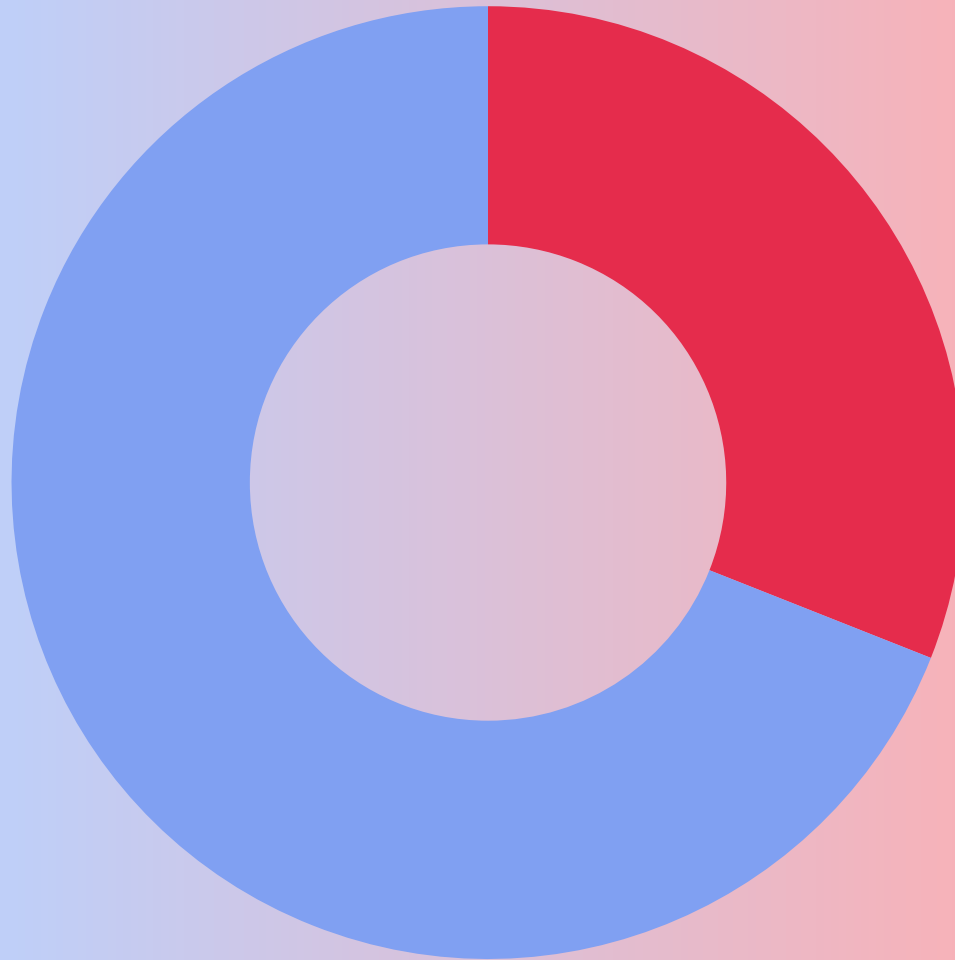


Be heard.

Your latest results: “Would you like to start your own business?”

Yes

69%



No

31%

54,244 children & young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your views on “Would you like to start your own business?” were also heard by:



B Corp



Young Enterprise



The Careers and Enterprise Company



Business in the Community



The Skills Builder Partnership



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Want to share your views with us? Share your votes and comments by logging into your VotesforSchools account. You can also get in touch at primary@votesforschools.com

Today's VoteTopic:

Should people always use their real name online?

UNCRC Article 7:
Name &
nationality

UN SDG 3:
Good health &
wellbeing

VfS Key Theme 2:
Equalities &
identity

1 Why are we talking about this?



Today, your VoteTopic question is:

Should people always use their real name online?

Sometimes, people do not use their **real name**, especially **online**.



1 Why are we talking about this?



Should people always use their real name online?

Some people think you should always use your real name so that people know who they are talking to.

Other people think that there can be good reasons not to share your real name sometimes.

Let's work out what you think during this lesson!

2 That's not my name



One way that people can **keep their real name private online** is by using an **avatar**.

Avatar:

A **picture** or **character** that you **make** to use on a **website** or a **game**. It is **like a costume** that you put on to use online.

Challenge (30 secs)

Can you think of any **apps** or **websites** where you use an **avatar**?

2 That's not my name



Pair activity (3-5 mins)

A school has started using the Maths Monsterz app. **Follow the instructions on the next few slides to create your avatar** so you can use the app. **Tell your partner** what you have chosen!



2 That's not my name



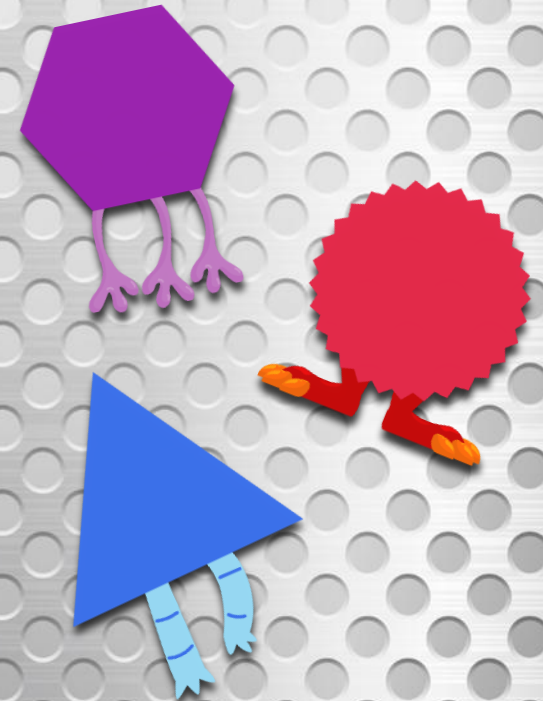
Pick your head!



Pick your eyes!



Pick your body!



2 That's not my name



Pick one word from each section to create your Maths Monsterz name!

Mega

Super

Ting

Blee

Swoo

Jally

Gurnel

Tizzle

Roonu

2 That's not my name



Well done! You created your own **avatar**!

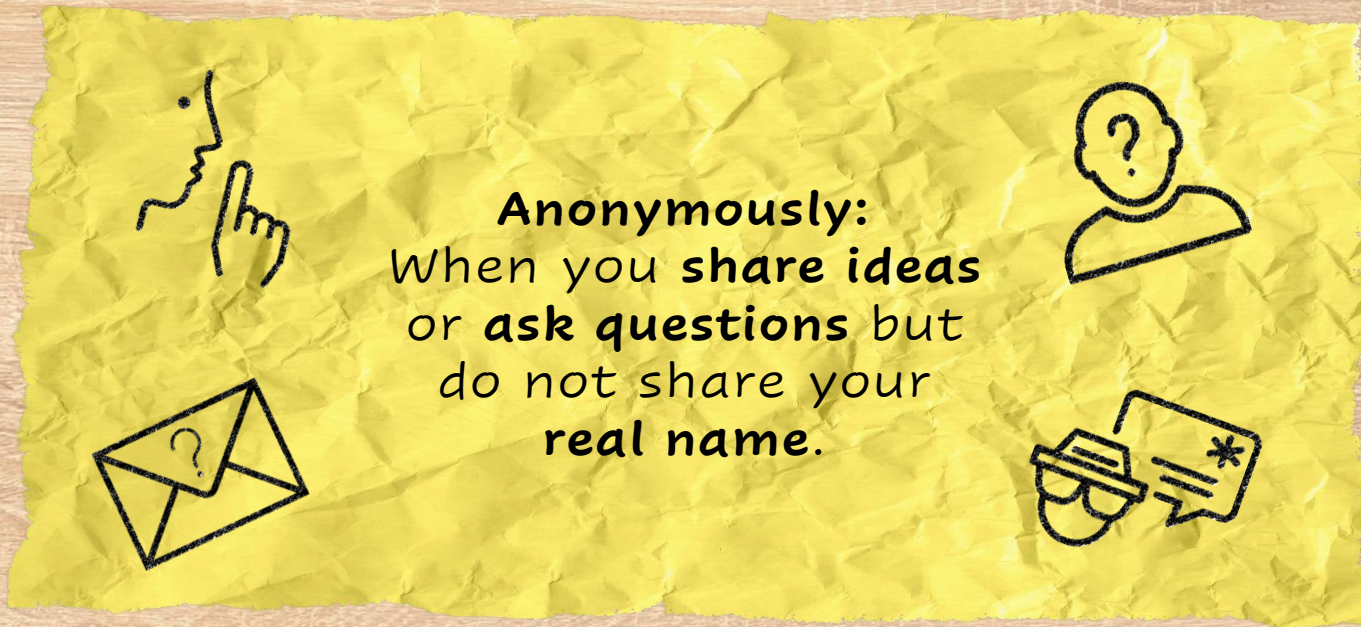


3 Speaking freely



In some classrooms, the teacher might have a **box** where children can send **messages** to their teacher.

Sometimes, children might **choose** to send these messages **anonymously**.





Pair activity (1 min)

You are going to see some **messages** that **children** have put in a **box** to **share** with their **teacher**. **Talk to your partner** to see if you can **spot the message** that has been sent **anonymously**.



3 Speaking freely



Please can me and Nell
talk to you about
something? We have
fallen out and we want
your help to sort it out!

From Khadija

It was me that
broke your chair. It
was wet play, and I
was spinning on it
when it made a
funny sound. I am
really sorry!

From Ellis

Which one has
been sent
anonymously?

Please can you talk to the whole class
about calling names. Edie keeps calling
me a name that is making me really
embarrassed and upset. Everyone keeps
laughing at it.



Please can you **talk to the whole class** about **calling names**. Edie keeps **calling me a name** that is making me really **embarrassed** and **upset**. **Everyone** keeps **laughing** at it.

Challenge (1 min)
Why do you think this person sent their message **anonymously**?

4 Hiding behind a username?



You have heard some **good reasons** for people to **not to use their real name online.**

Now let's think about how there can be **problems** when people **do not use their real name online.**



4 Hiding behind a username?



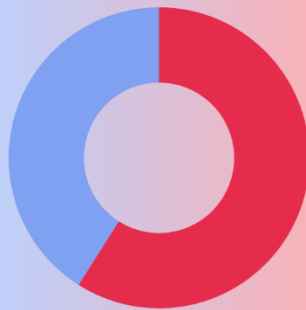
Quickfire vote (30 secs)
Put your hand up if you
remember this VoteTopic
from last month:

Today's VoteTopic:
**Is it easy to
know who to
trust online?**

Your latest results: "Is it easy to know who to trust online?"

Yes

41%



No

59%

51,128 children & young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

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59% of you voted that it was **not** easy to know who to trust online. This is partly because **we do not always know who people are online.**

4 Hiding behind a username?



Class activity (5-7 mins)

Now you will see some **different situations** where people are not using their real name online.

Give a thumbs up if you think the anonymous messages are **okay**. **Give a thumbs down** if you think anonymous messages are **not okay**.



4 Hiding behind a username?



Hey Sara...You're soooooooooo rubbish at this game, stop annoying people who are here to have fun. You should just log off right now.

Superhero123

Ummm...

SaraBinning78



OKAY

Superhero123 is hiding their real name. Is this anonymous message okay or not okay?



NOT OKAY

4 Hiding behind a username?



Home / Get Support / Message Board

Homework



SparklyUnicorn / 11th March 2025 16:29pm

I'm really struggling in my Maths lessons. I have been copying other people's work so that my teacher won't notice. I know I need to stop. What should I do?



TingSwootizzle / 11th March 2025 17:22pm

Talk to your teacher and get help! You will feel so much better if you can get help to understand your Maths lessons. ❤️

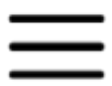


SparklyUnicorn and TingSwootizzle are avatar names. Are their anonymous messages okay or not okay?

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4 Hiding behind a username?



User364 is not a real name. They have posted three comments about this music video. Are these anonymous messages okay or not okay?



Luca Crush covers Wicked's Popular

3,451 comments



User364
Sounds rubbish!!!



User364
Ariana's better...



MiloJones
You're amazing

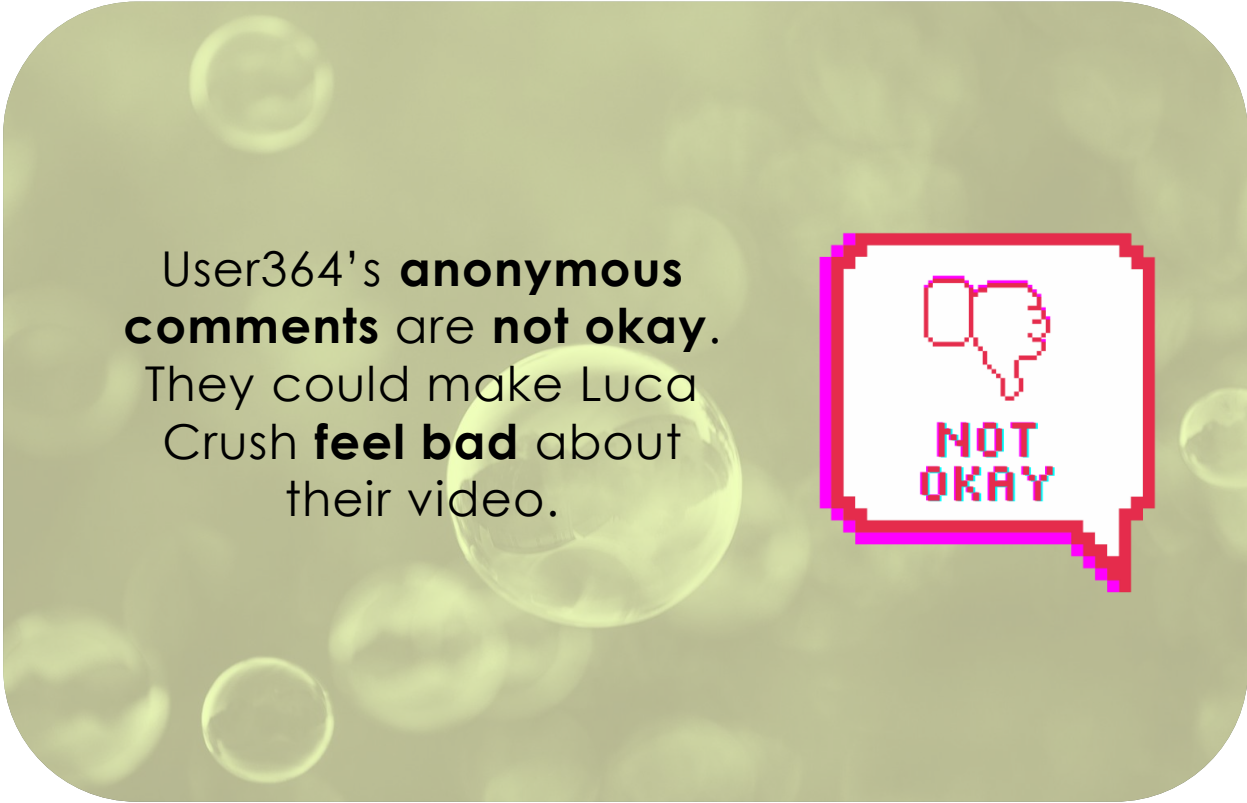
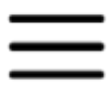


FloOsbourne
Love this Luca!



User364
👎👎👎👎

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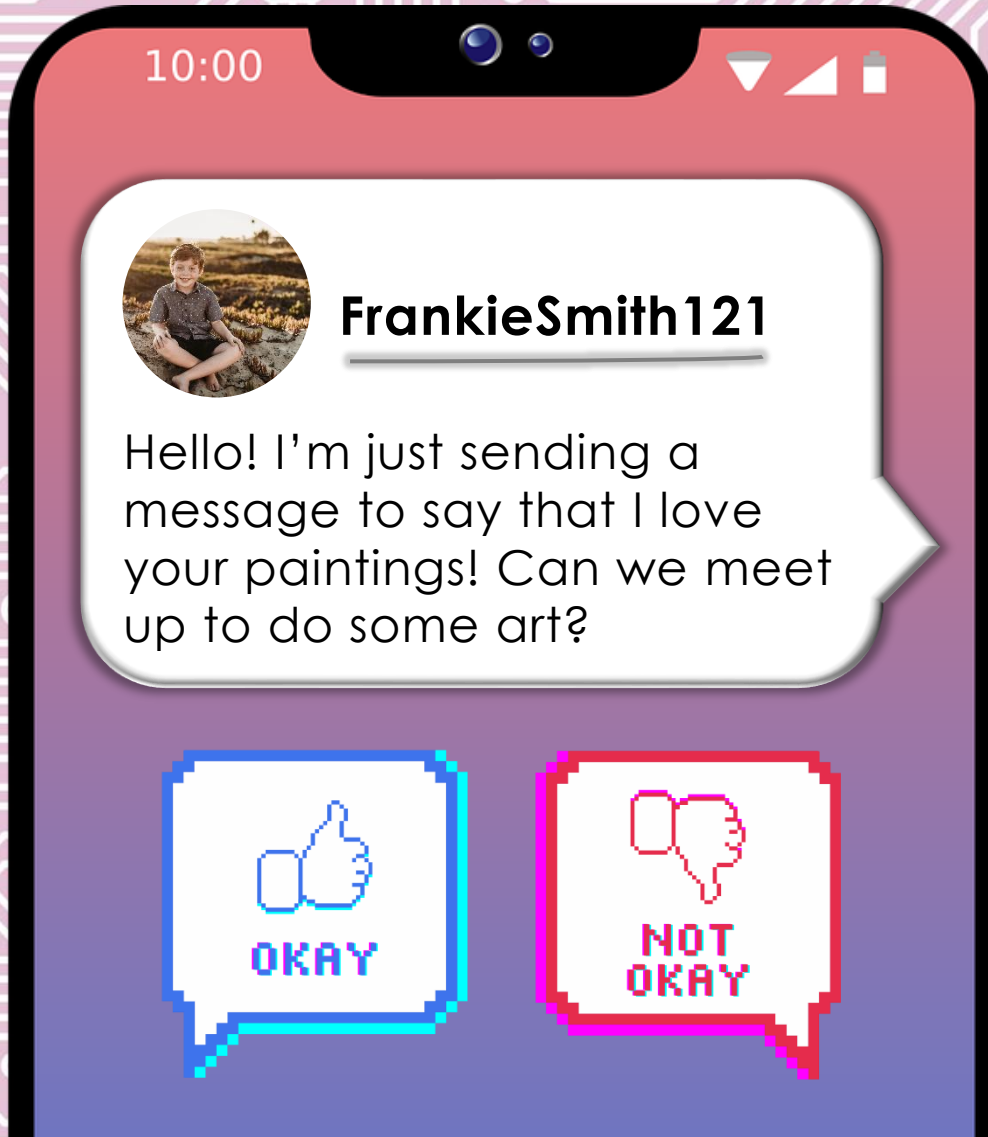


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4 Hiding behind a username?



Challenge (2-3 mins)
Think carefully about this one! **FrankieSmith121** sounds like it could be a **real name**. But is FrankieSmith121's message **okay or not okay**? Are there any **clues** that this might not be okay?



Now you have completed the lesson, you may have **decided what you think** about your **VoteTopic question** this week:

Should people always use their real name online?



Should people always use their real name online?

Class activity (2-3 mins)
Lower your head and close your eyes.
Raise one hand if your answer is Yes.
Keep both hands down if your answer is No.

Yes

If people have to use their real names online, they will not be as unkind. That will help keep us all safe from being bullied online.

Using avatars and keeping your real name private online can help you to stay safe. This means you can have fun without worrying.

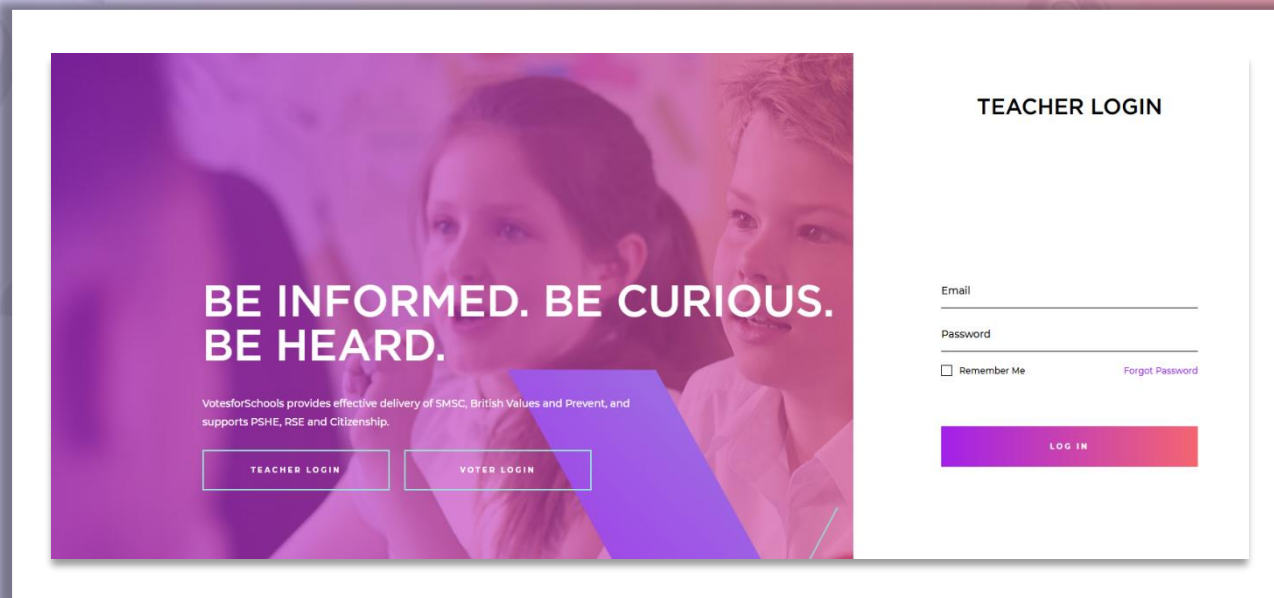
No

5 Heads down, hands up



Did you know that you can **share your ideas** about each VoteTopic **anonymously** with VotesforSchools?

First, your teacher needs to **log on to the website to share your votes...**



5 Heads down, hands up



Once your teacher has **logged your votes**, you can write some of your **wonderful ideas** down **to share with us at VotesforSchools**.

What did your students have to say about the topic?

Add your comments, questions and ideas here...

SUBMIT VOTE

When we read your ideas, we can see **which school you are from**, but we **cannot see your name**.

This means that you can feel **safe** to **share** your **ideas freely**.



Class activity (2-3 mins)

If you feel comfortable, **tell your teacher what you think about your VoteTopic question** so they can **share your ideas** with VotesforSchools!

Should people always use their real name online?

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SUBMIT VOTE

Now's your chance to vote on: "Should people always use their real names online?"

Yes

Yes, because sometimes people are unkind online because no one knows who they are if they do it anonymously.

Yes

Some people pretend to be someone else online using names that are not real. This makes it less safe online.

People might want to keep their name private so that they can stay safe online.

No

Someone might want to find help and advice online without everyone knowing who they are.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with WhistleblowersUK, HOPE not hate, Kidscape, Just Like Us and Protection Approaches.

Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.