C) Online gaming

You have been asked by Oslo's city council to make a website which informs parents of the pros and cons of online gaming relationships.

Your website should include:

•An overview of the positive outcomes of gaming relationships.

•Challenges and dangers parents should be aware of with regards to their children's online life.

•Specific advice on how to talk with your children about being online.

•Links to other helpful websites and relevant information with a description.

•A clear, logical and coherent design/structure.

•Use and cite sources.

•Include a type of audio-visual content (e.g. podcast or video)

•Create an interactive prototype of the website in XD as part of the design process.

# Online friends and dating.

Intro:

Challenges and dangers:

* People lie and isn’t always who they say they are (only heard a voice).
* They can scam use you for money.
* Make sure to go outside and get fresh air (health problems).
* Toxic people and Cuss words
* Addicting (remember to eat, sleep, go out and get air)

Positives:

* Allows kids to find new friends if they´re not as social in real life.
* Easier to be social in a game where not everything is as serious as it is face to face
* Common interests (likes the same game, maybe other things in common too).
* Socialize and have fun, play with friends, spend time,
* English
* Skills: teambuilding, eye to hand coordination, strategic thinking, creativity

How to talk to the kids:

* Inform them of the dangers and the positives.
* Support them, come with a positive look
* Ask to play with them to show support
* Don’t just tell them it is bad for them
* Inform them of the dangers (think before talking, don’t share private information, catfishing, not everyone is what they seem like)

Audio-visual content:

* Read the text?
* Podcast with Lavrans and Andrers?

Sources:

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INTRO:

Recently online gaming relationships have become more normal. A lot of people find new friends or their chosen one through online gaming. [“They Found Community, and Then Love, in Online Games”](https://www.wired.com/story/love-community-mmorpg-online-gaming/) is an article on [WIRED](https://www.wired.com/), they share people’s experiences with finding love through games. Of course, everyone doesn’t find love through games, but something else. They find friendship and a community to be a part of. It is no wonder that they think online gaming is fun, you know that when they spend ours doing it, but it is also important that they know the dangers and challenges that comes with.

POSITIVES:

Online gaming allows kids to find new friends, even if they are not that social at school or at home. For some people it is easier to socialize in games or just through a screen where they are anonymous because you don’t have to worry about what they think of you and how you behave.

Most games are in English, and as a result gamers will have a larger English vocabulary than non-gamers. I used to play a lot of Minecraft when I was younger, and that is where most of my English comes from, because you will eventually learn the names of the different blocks that you are building with. Although games are a fun way to learn a language, you won’t get all the way with just games.

Games have also proven to be a more engaging way for kids to learn and develop new skills. For example, talking to strangers, eye-to-hand coordination, strategic thinking, and creativity. These are just a few examples; you can go to [this](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/online-gaming-the-benefits/) website to read more about the benefits and skills you can gain from online gaming.

NEGATIVE:

A negative effect of gaming is that it might introduce you to toxic people and cuss words. A lot of racist and sexist words are casually being thrown around in games. Words like bitch and fuck are pretty common words I hear when I play online games. I believe a reason for this is because some people get more immersed than others, and gaming becomes more than just gaming. It is important that you know your children will be exposed to words like these.

Gaming is a lot of fun, but also highly addictive. It is extremely important to take care of yourself even when you are playing. A lot of young gamers forget to sleep, and even eat, that is why it is important to notice when gaming takes over your life and when it becomes a too big part of your life. If you want to read more about video game addictions, you can click [here](https://www.addictioncenter.com/drugs/video-game-addiction/).

Another negative side of online gaming is the liars and scammers out there. Scammers are an issue not only in online gaming, but everywhere on the internet. These scammers often target your account or your items. They usually get what they want by making you type your email address and your password, then they change the password and username after they get the account, so you won’t get back in.

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* Different kind of influence from gaming

HOW TO TALK TO THE KIDS:

1. It is important that you understand your kids needs to play and that you respect them. Don’t get mad at them for playing games just because you don’t like it.
2. Try to understand what they are doing and get involved in their gaming life.
3. Inform them about the harmful effects gaming can have on their health and that you care for them, because it is not always clear what your intentions are.
4. Tell them it is important to take care of themselves and that they have to remember to eat, sleep and get fresh air.
5. It is important to inform them about both the dangers and the possibilities of gaming. Tell them about the scams, the liars and the bullying that is out there.