




**media  
mentor  
prompts**

# Getting Started

**Media Mentor Prompts are cards for parents and teachers to develop supportive relationships with their children or students around digital technologies. They provide conversation starters to celebrate positive uses of technology, explore creative pursuits, and encourages taking time for important conversations about how to best use personal devices.**

**Try picking a card and having a chat with your kids after school, during a meal, in the car, on the train, or during a quiet moment. Pop them in your bag and use them when the occasion arises.**

**A great time to use these cards is during “Media Mentor Month” which takes place in March each year as a global initiative.**

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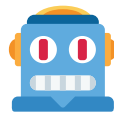
# About the Cards

## Category Key

Each card has an emoji at the top to indicate its theme.



*Internet for Good*



*AI*



*Safety*



*Creativity*



*Family*



*Entertainment*



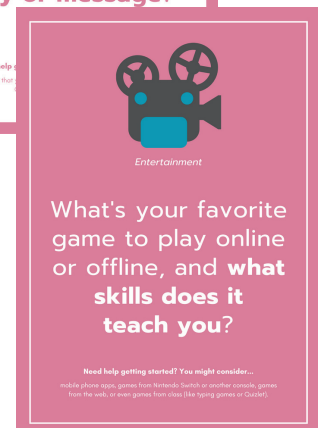
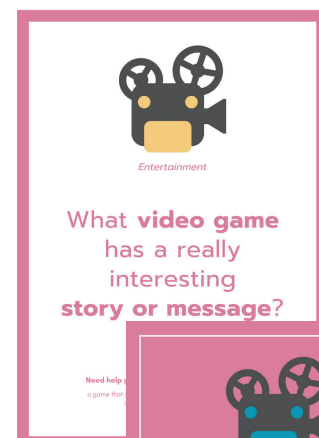
*Learning*

## Age Key

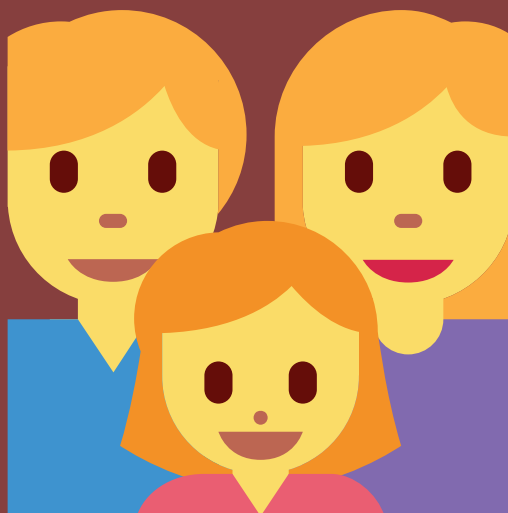
Each card has a front and a back that is designed differently to help you select questions that might be best suited to your child or student.

Cards with a white background are geared toward older students from middle to high school, whereas cards with a solid background are more often for primary to middle school-aged students.

*for older kids*



*for younger kids*



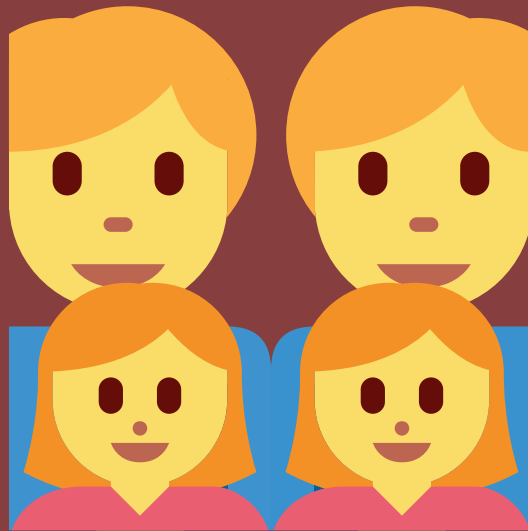
*Family*

**What's an app you  
enjoy that you  
think I'd like too,  
and why?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

iPad games you like to play, or an app that helps you be more productive. Don't have a device with apps?

Try talking about a website that you like!

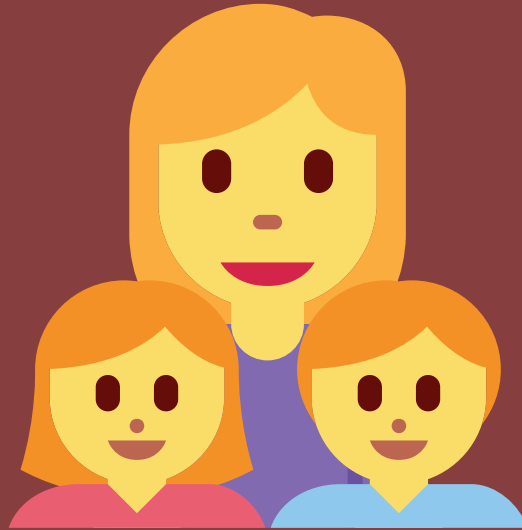


*Family*

How does using  
technology make our  
lives **better**, and how  
can it make life **harder**?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

saving time in certain places and taking more time in others,  
connecting people in some ways and disconnecting them in  
others, making us healthy in some ways and  
making us unhealthy in others.

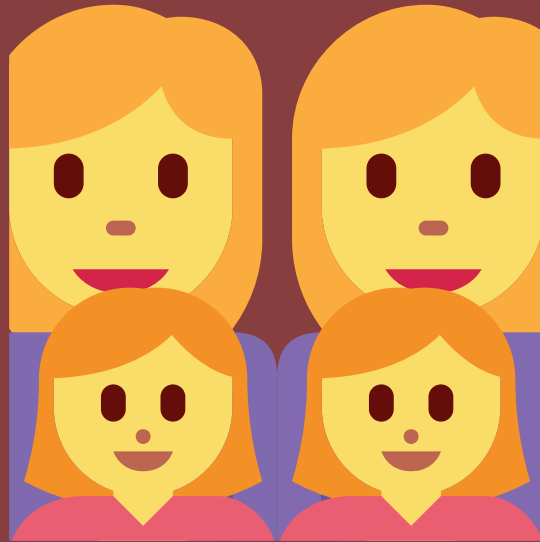


*Family*

If you could keep  
**only one app** on your  
device, which one  
would it be and why?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

communication apps like WeChat, WhatsApp, or iMessages;  
Social Media Apps like SnapChat, YouTube, Instagram, or Discord;  
Or another like GarageBand, an AI chatbot,  
or perhaps your favorite game.

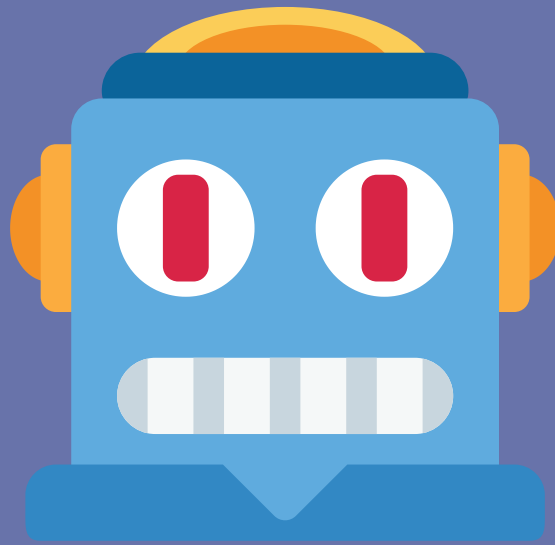


*Family*

If we made a **family video blog (vlog)**, what **adventure** would we share first?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

recent travel you have done as a family, or perhaps share some pet antics. "A day in the life" vlogs can be very interesting to others.



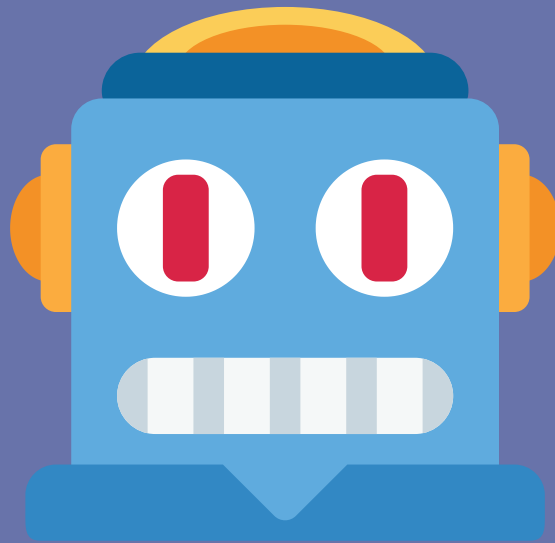
*AI*

If you could ask an **AI bot to do one big task** to help the world, what would it be and why?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

the big problems that you might have noticed in your community or the world, something new or unknown to humankind, thinking about one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.





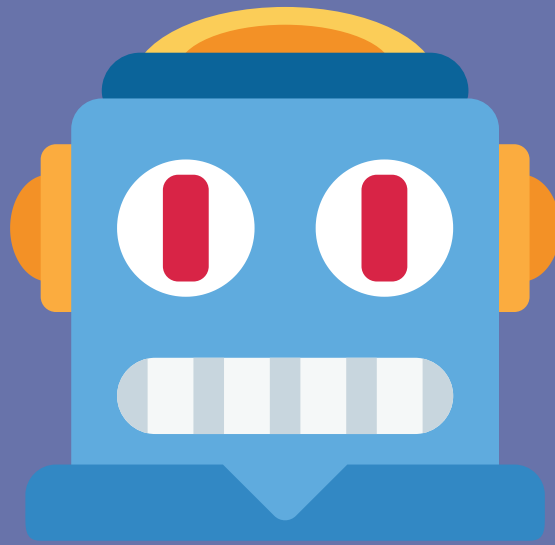
*AI*

What do you think are  
the **differences**  
between how **AI**  
**learns** and how  
**humans learn?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

what makes it easy for you to learn something?

Is this how AI learns too? Why/why not?



*AI*

If you could **design an AI assistant**, what are **three tasks** you would want it to help you with?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

what things are challenging or annoying that AI could help you complete more easily?



*Internet for Good*

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lives **better**, and how  
can it be a **challenge**?

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saving time in certain places and taking more time in others,  
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and making us unhealthy in others.

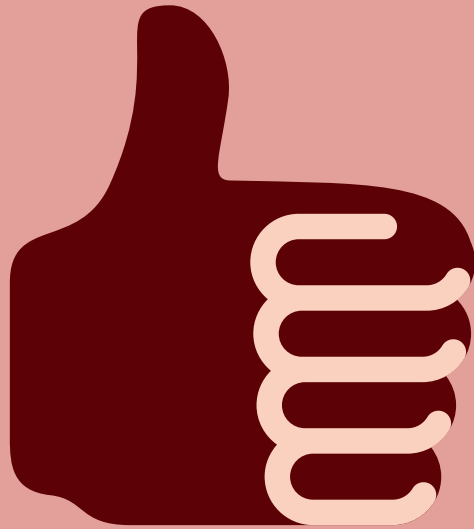


*Internet for Good*

# How can we use technology to **help others?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a time when someone has helped you through the use of technology. Perhaps getting past a tricky level of a game, or checking on a friend. Learning something new for someone else?



*Internet for Good*

# What's something kind you've seen someone do online recently?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a positive comment someone left on another person's work, a shout-out to another creator in a video, giving credit to another person by citing their work, or maybe material that honors another culture.



*Creativity*

If you could video  
call **any person in  
history**, who would  
it be, and what  
would you ask?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a famous scientist, athlete, politician, figure from your faith,  
inventor, person living in a specific place, artist, or author.



*Creativity*

What is one thing **you**  
**wish your phone**  
**or tablet could do**  
that it doesn't?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

scanning for something, connecting to someone,  
providing helpful information, having better performance,  
or controlling another device.



*Creativity*

If you could design  
a new emoji, **what**  
**would it represent?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

the feelings that are already an emoji, what cultural,  
emotional, or personal things that might not be there yet?





*Creativity*

If we could **3D print**  
**anything right now,**  
what should we print  
and why?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

whether or not you need something to help you organize your things, fix a problem, decorate your home, or create a toy, or medical device.



*Creativity*

What's the **most creative** thing you've seen someone do **with technology?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a video or app you've seen, a creative artistic approach to something, a game, museum art, robotics, or drone light displays.

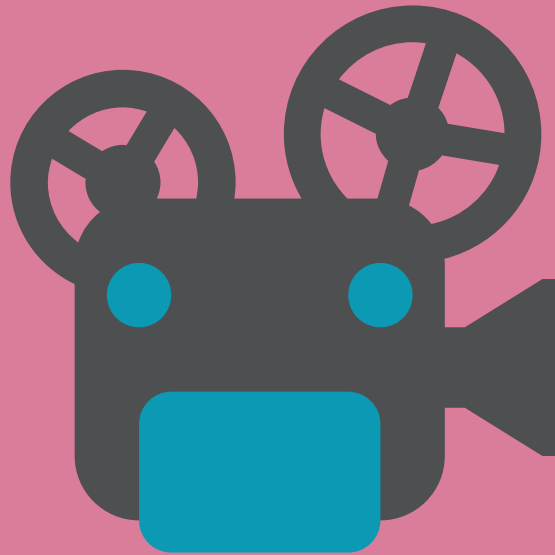


*Creativity*

If you could **teleport** to **any place** you've seen online, **where** would you go and **why**?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

each family member choosing a favorite location.  
How are they the same/different? Why/Why not?

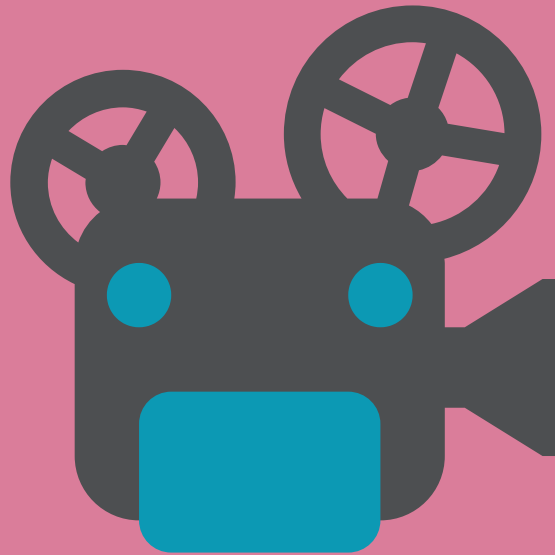


*Entertainment*

What's your favorite game to play online or offline, and **what skills does it teach you?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

mobile phone apps, games from Nintendo Switch or another console, games from the web, or even games from class (like typing games or Prodigy). What about offline? Sports, role-playing, or board games, perhaps?

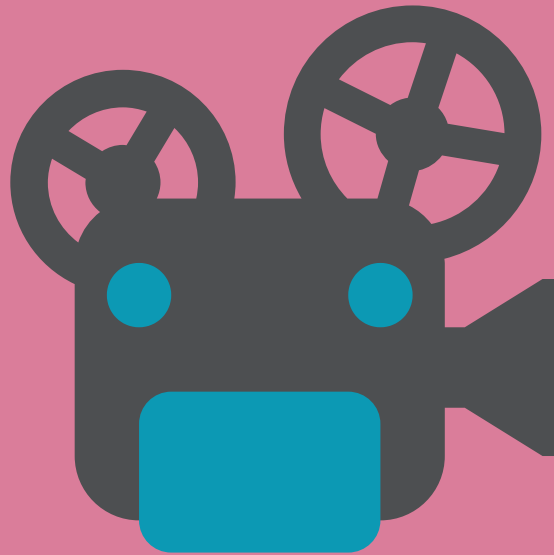


*Entertainment*

When **online**, what content makes you feel **happy, curious, or inspired?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

apps or games that make you laugh, learning something new, connecting with others in an app or game, or trying something out that you saw online.

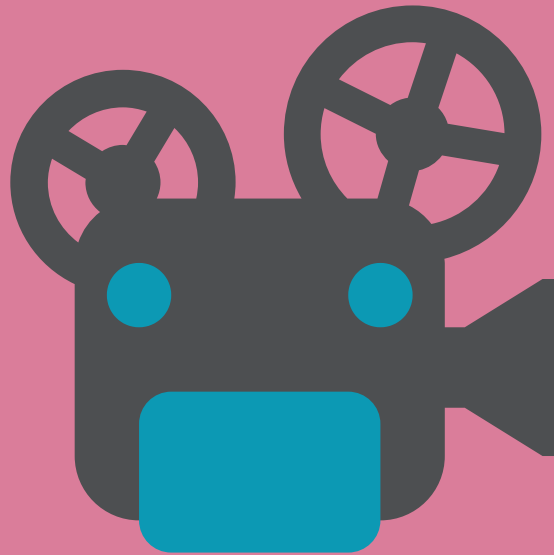


*Entertainment*

**What's the funniest  
meme you've seen,  
and what makes  
it funny?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a meme from social media, one your friend sent you, one you saw in a video, or perhaps a meme that you created.



*Entertainment*

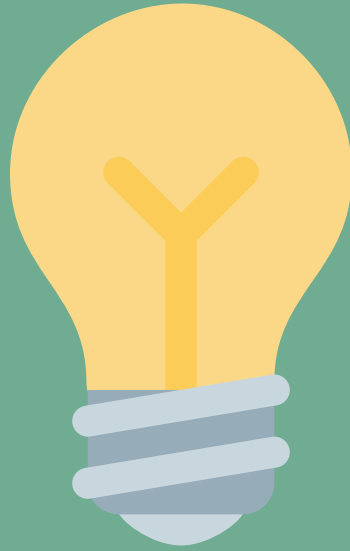
What do you think  
about **while waiting**  
**for a game** or video  
to load?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

the last time the Internet was slow, and you had to wait.

If you can't remember, pay attention to your reaction  
next time it's slow. How do you respond?

Why do you think you respond that way?



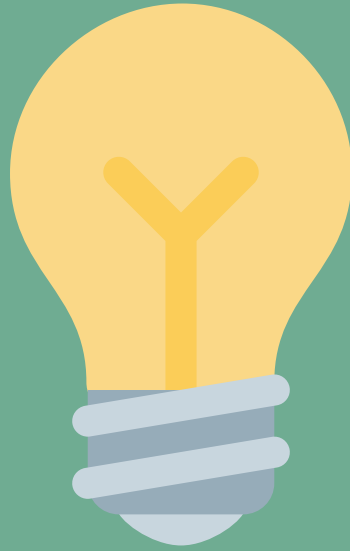
*Learning*

# How do you think **technology will change school in the future?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

making a prediction for what the future will be like,  
or maybe specific tech like Generative AI, Augmented  
Reality, Virtual Reality, or maybe the things parents learned in  
school and how school has changed since then.



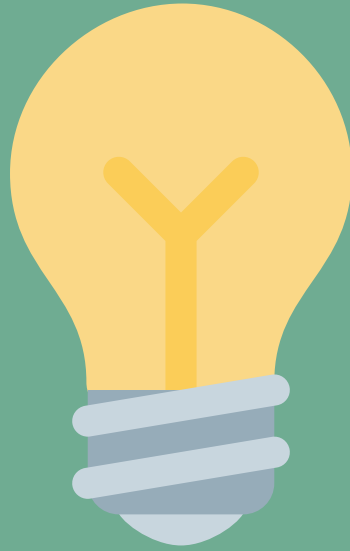


*Learning*

# What's the most surprising fact you've found out through an Internet search?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

the last time you were searching online, what questions were you trying to answer? What resources or websites were you using? Was it easy to find your answers or did you have trouble finding what you were looking for?

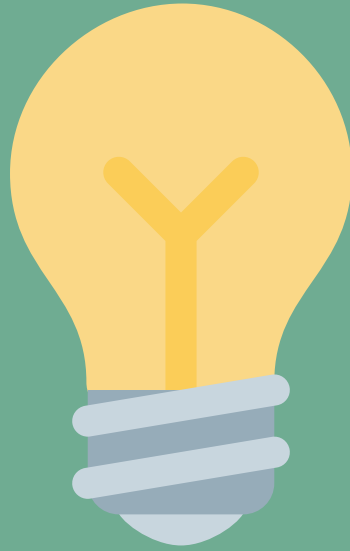


*Learning*

**What's one thing you'd  
like to learn more  
about through an  
online tutorial?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

creating video games, playing an instrument, 3D modeling, live streaming, using cameras, improving your technique in a sport, speaking another language, learning a new art, or robotics.

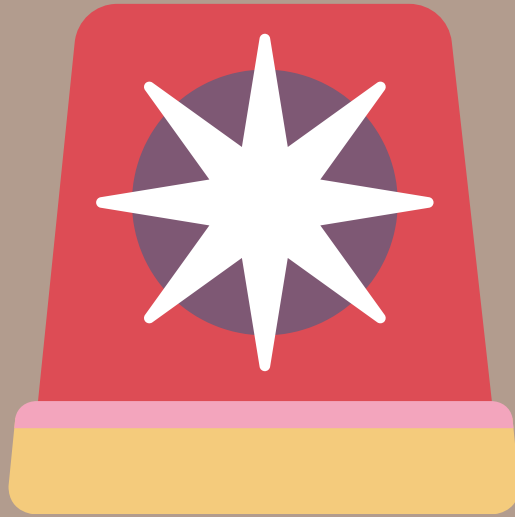


*Learning*

What's a **tech problem**  
you've **solved**  
that you felt **proud** of?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

a technical issue, a trick or shortcut,  
a solution, a creative approach,  
or helping someone else on tech.



*Safety*

# How do you decide what to **share online** and what to **keep private?**

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

things like your name, pictures, home address,  
phone number, email address, parents' information,  
name of your school, your grades, projects you do at school,  
information about vacation plans, etc.



*Safety*

# What **safety rules** should we always follow when we're online?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

things like clicking on links that pop up while playing games, downloading things from websites or signing up for accounts, sharing personal information, or sending pictures online. What do you do if someone you do not know contacts you online?



*Safety*

Are you **careful** about  
what you **post** online?  
Why or why not?

**Need help getting started? You might consider...**

the pictures and comments you post on social media, in  
chats, or on other people's videos and work, etc.