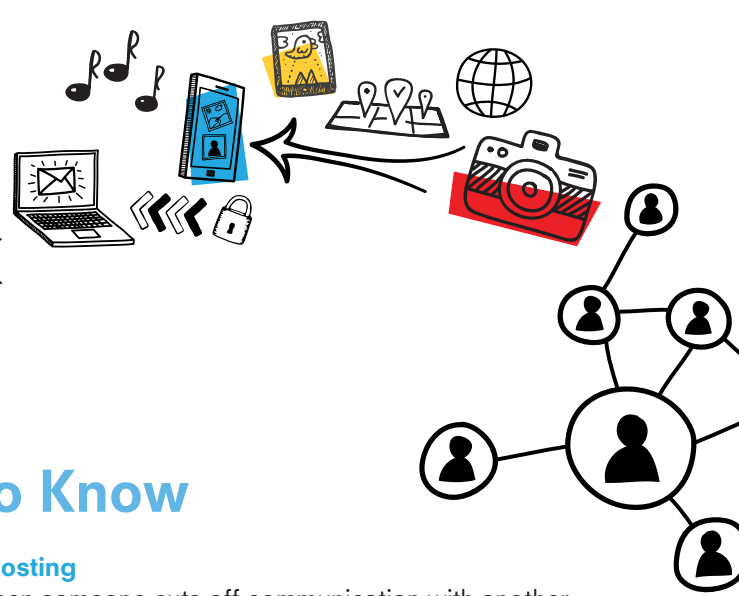




# FAMILY TECH TALK

## *Virtual Edition*

Inspiring Digital Responsibility



## Internet Terms **Parents Need To Know**

© Internet slang seems to change almost daily; how can a parent keep up? We've rounded up some common terms and practices that you might see popping up in your kids' chats online and IRL (in real life).

### #selfharmmm

A hashtag used to identify (and often glorify) posts about self-harm habits, such as cutting and burning; users sometimes also share tricks on how to keep these behaviors hidden.

### bae

"Before anyone else"; a term of affection for a significant other or crush.

### burn note

A message that gets erased after a set period of time.

### catfishing

Using a fake profile and/or pretending to be someone else to get a target to share personal information or become romantically involved.

### cook session

When a group of people gang up on someone else via social media.

### cringepics

Awkward, cringe-inducing photos; these can be used as blackmail and/or be uploaded to public forums.

### finsta

A secondary Instagram account, often set up under an alias, for posts someone wants only a small group of friends (and often, not parents) to see. "Finsta" comes from "fake Instagram"; "rinsta" is used to describe a "real Instagram" account.

### flaming

Sending angry, rude, or obscene messages to a person, either publicly or privately.

### ghosting

When someone cuts off communication with another person without an explanation. Can apply to phone calls, texting, email, and social media.

### happy slapping

An extreme form of bullying; physical assaults are recorded, then sent to others or posted online.

### newbie

A term for a person who's new to a multiplayer online game or other Internet activity and doesn't know how to use it well. Also spelled newb, n00b, nob, noob, or nub.

### rage quitting

When a gamer quits after an angry scene directed at the other players; often results from being purposely provoked by other players.

### sextortion

Using sexual images to blackmail, humiliate, or get revenge on someone.

### text bombing

Sending a large number of text messages to a person at one time so that they can't use their device.

### troll

Someone who deliberately makes an inflammatory post or shares misleading information purposely to get other people to respond emotionally.



### Hungry for more?

The Cyberbullying Research Center keeps an updated [Social Media, Cyberbullying, and Online Safety Glossary](#), and Common Sense Education offers a [Digital Glossary](#) with educational terms, Internet slang, and popular apps.

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