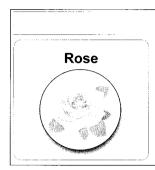
Too young for Facebook?

Read Rose's request for help on an online forum. In pairs discuss what Rose should do.



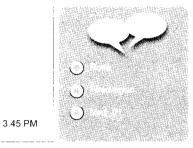
Hey, everyone. My nephew wants to go on Facebook. He's 11! I tell him he's too young but all his friends are on it. I'm concerned about bullying. Does anyone have any advice for me?

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Read the chatroom posts in reply to Rose. Are any of them similar to your views?



Bullying can happen anywhere ... the school lunch hall, the playground, the shopping centre ... social media sites are just another place! Kids are already on social media ... they're making plans right now about where to meet after school. Using social media is something they've got to learn.



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You're right to be worried about your nephew. We all have to take notice of this. Kids under 13 are not ready. It can stress them out. They know about technology, but they don't get how what they say truly affects others ... online or anywhere. What's so great about Facebook? There's loads of games he can play ... and supervised networking sites ...



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Opening a Facebook account when you're 11 is wrong. I mean, he's lying to do that. OK, it's not a mega lie, but it's still a lie. We want this kid to grow up truthful, right?;)



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Make notes on the arguments which are given for and against underage use of social media sites.

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