

Mixed messages!

- 'K 😎'
- 'Whatever 😒'
- 'I'm so angry with you 😡'

Read the messages out loud in a specific tone of voice (e.g. angry, sarcastic, friendly).

What do you notice? How might these come across to other people? How might each 'message sender' better communicate what they really mean?

It's easy to misunderstand

Young people use different types of communication interchangeably, but messages sent via chat and text can be interpreted differently than they would in person or over the phone.

Have you ever been misunderstood in a text? For example, have you ever posted a joke and your friend thought you were being serious?

Have you ever misunderstood someone in a text or chat? What did you do to help clarify the communication? What could you do differently?

It can be hard to understand how someone is really feeling when you're reading what they wrote or texted. Make sure that you choose the right methods of communication – and that you don't read too much into things that people say to you online.

- There are plenty of examples of how bullying and harassment aren't just issues for children – look at how celebrities can treat each other online and offline too.
- We've been talking about how important it is to be kind to classmates and friends online, as well as offline. **Can you think of any examples when celebrities acted negatively towards each other?**
- **Do you think some children start bullying or making unkind comments because they see celebrities behaving this way?**

The way you and your friends treat each other online will have a big impact on the digital world that your generation builds. **Do you think your generation can build an internet that's kinder and more positive than the environments some adults have created for themselves?**

A lot of adults think you'll probably be better at this too...