

Heart's Online Friendships

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Scenario 1

Heart is a middle-school student who is a little shy about meeting new people. Her science class has a project where each student gets to video-chat with a student from their "sister" school in Jaipur, India, which is 7,770 miles away.

Heart is assigned to video-chat with a girl named Kaia. Heart is nervous about meeting her and wonders if they will have anything in common. When they meet, however, Heart quickly sees that Kaia is very nice and that they have lots in common. For example, they're both on PhotoFun.

Heart is also excited to meet Kaia because her parents are from India, and Heart has always wanted to know more about what it's like there. At the end of their chat, Kaia asks Heart if she can follow her on PhotoFun. Heart smiles and says, "Of course!"

Scenario 2

Heart gets a message on her phone from her friend CJcool11. She doesn't know CJcool11's real name and age, but they've been online friends for a couple of months.

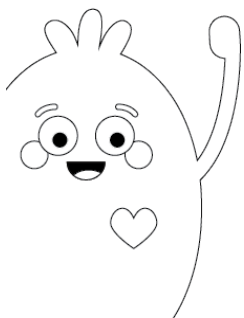
They "met" when he posted a comment on one of her PhotoFun photos, a photo of her dog, Pepper. She replied, and they shared some funny stories about their dogs.

Now, they talk a lot online. When she shares a problem she has at school, CJcool11 always has good ideas for handling the problem.

Today, CJcool11's message reads, "My annoying neighbor never cleans up after his dog."

Heart responds: "That's rude. Everyone on my street always does." After a moment, CJcool11 answers back, "Rly? What street do you live on?"

Heart pauses. This question makes her feel uncomfortable.



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Venn diagram: Heart's online friendships

