



# Online Lingo

What does that mean? There are lots of terms used online that you may not know. Here are a few to get you started and help keep your family safe online.

A/S/L	Age/sex/location
avatar	A digital icon or cartoon that represents you in the online world.
blog	A website or section of a website used as an online journal or diary
Bluetooth	A short-wave transmission of files or information using digital devices
BRB	Be right back
DEGT	Don't even go there
Digital footprint	Describes the trail you leave in cyberspace including emails, text messages, web pages, social networking sites, blogs, and chat conversations
emoticons	A series of typed characters that creates a face (also known as smileys)
F2F	Face to face, a real life meeting
flame	To send nasty or insulting messages via email or to post them to a forum
forum	An online community where users read and post messages about common interests
gamer	A person who plays electronic games (online, PC, games console) and is considered something of an expert
gamertag	A username created by someone who plays online games
griefer	An online game player who insults other players or uses nasty language
PAW	Parents are watching
PIR	Parent in room
POS	Parent over shoulder
skins	A design 'wrapper' that changes the look of a website or page
username	An online name; best to use a nickname or name that doesn't give away your personal details