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Top apps and games to be aware of

APP/GAME	WHAT IS IT?	LISTEN OUT FOR PUPILS TALKING ABOUT:
Тікток	 Users share short videos of themselves, often lip- syncing to music, and watch other people's videos You can gain 'fans' and follow other people There are often 'challenges' that spread among users 	 Videos that sound inappropriate 'Challenges' that are potentially dangerous Strangers they've made contact with through TikTok Content about eating disorders and bullying content
Snapchat	 Picture, video and message-sharing with contacts 'Snaps' disappear and aren't saved on phones Known for sharing nude and semi-nude images 	 Sharing explicit images and requests for photos Screenshots of 'Snaps' being shared Strangers they've made contact with
Twitch	 A website where users can watch videos and live streams of other users, typically playing computer games They can also live stream themselves 	 Strangers they've made contact with Inappropriate content they've seen
Minecraft	• A game where children explore an online world. They can use 'building blocks' to customise the world and create new parts to it	 'Griefing', where someone intentionally ruins the game for others Contact with strangers
Roblox	An online game creating system where you can create and publish games, and play other users' games Remember – always watch out for changes in p	 'Griefing', where someone intentionally ruins the game for others Contact with strangers upils' behaviour, and report any concerns to the DSL.

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- TikTok is filled with pro-eating disorder content, despite its own rules, Buzzfeed https://www.buzzfeed.com/cameronwilson/tiktok-eating-disorder-videos-algorithm-for-you-page
- TikTok app safety what parents need to know, Internet Matters https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/
- Livestreaming and online video apps, NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/
- Online games, NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/

