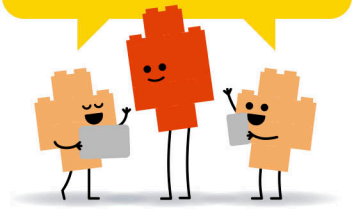


ONLINE GAMING

Small builds for big conversations



HOW IT WORKS

STEP 01

Start **building** and **talking** to your child about what they love to do online (don't worry, we've given you some handy conversation starters to break the ice!).

STEP 02

Choose one or more related **Watch-Outs** to build and talk about.

WHAT'S IN THIS PACK?

Meet your Online Explorer - **THE MULTIPLAYER**

In this activity pack you'll find build and talk activities for **The Multiplayer** to help you learn more about what your child loves about **online gaming**.



And then you'll find three related **Watch Outs**:



THE MEANIE

To help you talk about **online bullying**

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THE BIG-EYED MONSTER

To help you talk about **managing screen time**

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THE COIN GUZZLER

To help you talk about **in-game purchases**

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

 A box of **LEGO** bricks

 At least 20 minutes

Take five minutes to read through this pack before beginning the activity with your child.



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ONLINE EXPLORER

THE MULTIPLAYER

The following activity will give you a chance to learn about what games they love playing with others (via their phone, tablet, computer or console) and why.

Even if your child isn't allowed to play certain games yet, or allowed to play online with others, this is still a good chance to learn about what they've heard about from friends and are keen to explore in the future themselves.



LET'S GET BUILDING

Start by reading the character description on the next page together (or ask your child to read it out loud). Be sure you have your bricks ready and start building.

While building your awesome creatures, here are some helpful icebreakers that will help you keep the conversation going.

TIP

Some kids love games meant for older players - all games have a recommended age rating to ensure kids aren't exposed to very grown-up content and themes, make sure to check it out!

BUILD AND TALK

- ▶ **What game are you into at the moment?**
Tell me a bit about it! Why's it so fun?
- ▶ **Do you ever play with people you don't know?**
If so, how do you find people to play with?
- ▶ **How do you play it?**
On your phone/tablet/console/computer?
- ▶ **How do you win?**
Can you buy stuff in the game to help you do better?
- ▶ **Is it just a game for kids?**
- ▶ **How did you hear about the game?**
From friends, online, on TV?
- ▶ **Do you ever play with your friends online?**
Which ones? Do you chat during the game?
- ▶ **What games would you like to play but haven't yet?**
Why's it so good? Do any of your friends play it?

LISTEN OUT

While you're talking think about which of the **Watch Outs** would be the best to chat about:



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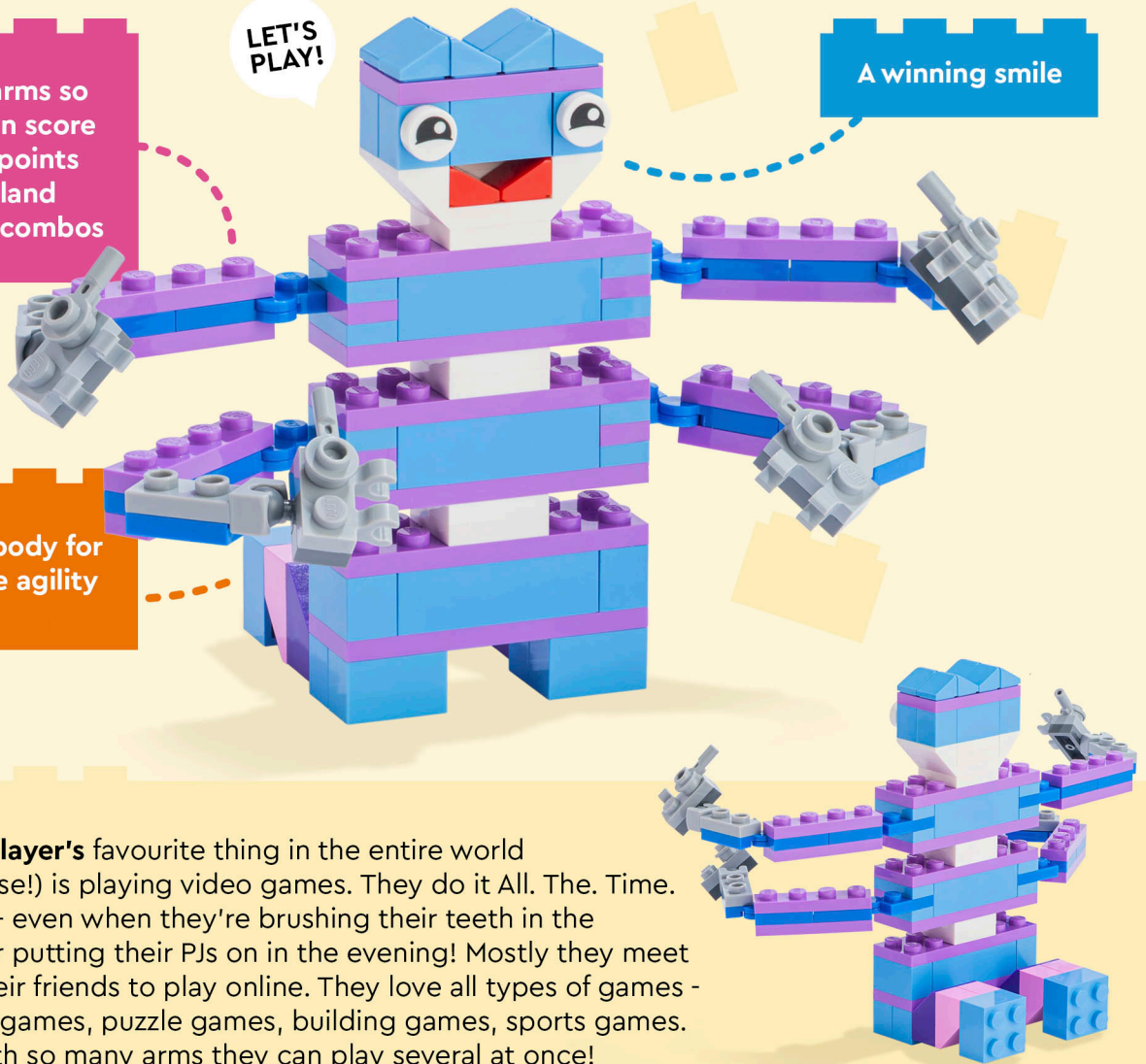
The MULTIPLAYER

Many arms so they can score more points and land perfect combos

LET'S PLAY!

A winning smile

Twisty body for in-game agility



The Multiplayer's favourite thing in the entire world (no, universe!) is playing video games. They do it All. The. Time. No, really - even when they're brushing their teeth in the morning or putting their PJs on in the evening! Mostly they meet up with their friends to play online. They love all types of games - adventure games, puzzle games, building games, sports games. Luckily, with so many arms they can play several at once!

It's BUILDING time!



What will your Multiplayer look like ?

Have a good look at the picture above to get familiar with all the **Multiplayer's** special features.

You can build an exact copy of the **Multiplayer** in the photos above or make your own unique version. **It's up to you!**



ONLINE GAMING

WATCH OUT



THE MEANIE

Online bullying and trolling

Read with your child on [Page 5](#)



READ BEFORE YOU BUILD

Online multiplayer games are a great way for kids to meet up with friends remotely - but in the majority of games, they will encounter others from outside their known social circle.

WHAT IS IN-GAME BULLYING?

Some gamers will do anything to win - being mean, destructive and intimidating others.

Kids unfortunately are an easy target, particularly when playing games that appeal to all ages.

TIME FOR MORE?

There are two more **Watch Outs** in this pack:



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BUILD AND TALK

If your child doesn't play online multiplayer games yet, start with these questions:

- ▶ **Has anyone ever been mean to you online?**
- ▶ **Have you ever seen someone get bullied online?**

If yes: how did that make you feel? What did they do?

If no: I've heard people can be really mean, just for fun, in games and things, right?

- ▶ **Do you know what to do if you or a friend are being bullied online?**

Did they fight back/retaliate?

Did they report them?

If your child already plays online games:

- ▶ **Do you ever chat to other players?**

For example, via messages or voice-chat?

- ▶ **Can you tell how old someone you're playing with is?**

People sometimes lie about their age and who they are when you can't see them in person!

- ▶ **Are the other gamers ever mean to you, or your friends?**

Do gamers ever say things to you that make you feel uncomfortable?

Do they say mean, rude or inappropriate things?

- ▶ **Do you know what to do if someone's mean to you in a game?**

It's OK to feel hurt and sad. But don't fight back!

Come to me or another grown up you trust and we can tackle this together

MAKE A PACT

- ✓ Let's be kind and supportive to everyone online.
- ✓ Let's not say anything online we wouldn't say to someone's face in real life.
- ✓ Let's tell each other right away if someone's mean to us online.



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WATCH OUT! IT'S -

The MEANIE



Mean looking eyes



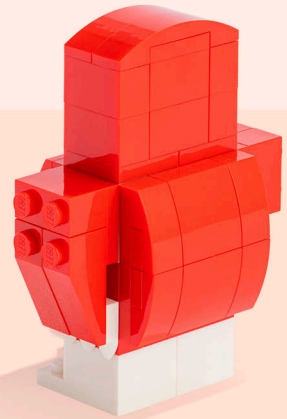
Sharp teeth

Very small, but very mean

PERSONALITY

Mini but mean! This little monster likes to hide away, then suddenly pop out when you're least expecting it to bully 'friends' and other gamers it doesn't know.

What a menace. The Meanie is hard to catch, but not impossible with a bit of help from a grown-up.



It's BUILDING time!

What will your Meanie look like ?

Have a good look at the picture above to get familiar with all of the **Meanie's** special features.

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WATCH OUT



THE BIG-EYED MONSTER

Managing screen time

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BUILD AND TALK

- ▶ How much time do you think you spend playing games?

Do you think that's a lot? Which game do you find hardest to put down? It's so easy to lose track of time, isn't it?

- ▶ Do you think we allow you enough time with your phone/tablet/console?

Why do you think we limit your gaming time?

- ▶ Do you ever feel angry when we ask you to stop playing? Why is that?

Why do you think we limit your gaming time?

How often do you think we should take breaks when playing video games?

It's good to take a break every hour so your eyes don't get tired and walk around a bit if you're sitting.

READ BEFORE YOU BUILD

Everyone, whatever age they are, finds it hard to step away from their devices when they're really into a game. It's especially hard for kids!

There isn't a perfect amount of time for a child to spend online, but if you are keen to make sure they're not up all night gaming it's good to have a talk about healthy screen consumption together.

MAKE A PACT

- ✓ Let's **all** remember to take regular breaks from our screens.
- ✓ Let's make some house rules we **all** follow about screens.
- ✓ Let's have a 15-minute warning before you need to switch-off.

TIME FOR MORE?

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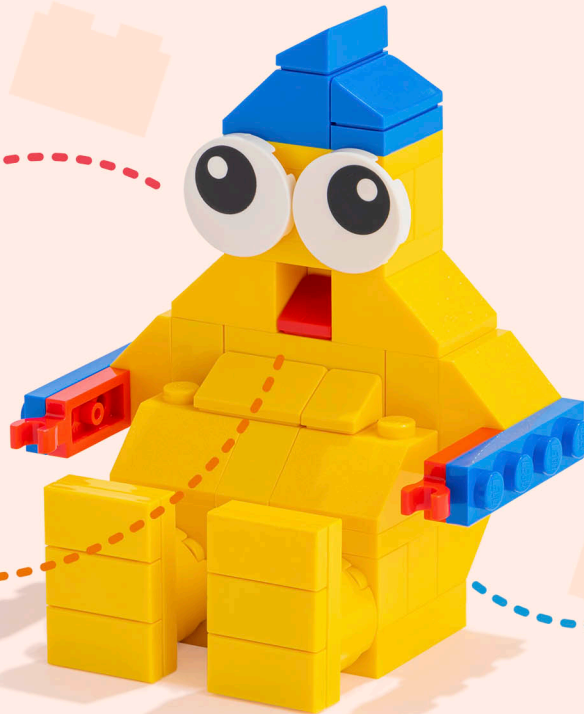
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The **Big-Eyed Monster**

Big eyes from staring non-stop at a screen

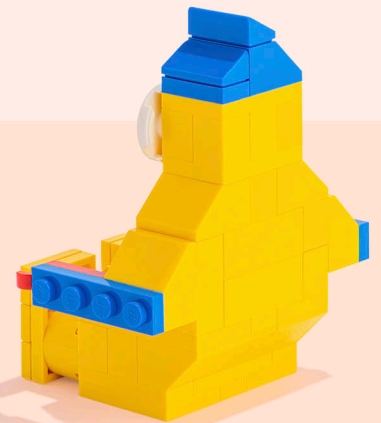


Prefers sitting down

Mouth open mid-yawn

PERSONALITY

This little monster is glued to a screen **day and night**. The more it watches the more its eyes seem to grow. It stays up late devouring **funny videos** and **playing games** until dawn. It's so tired the next day, we wonder why!?



It's **BUILDING** time!



What will your Big-Eyed Monster look like ?

Have a good look at the picture above to get familiar with all of the **Big-Eyed Monster's** special features.

You can build an exact copy from the photos above or make your own unique version. **It's up to you!**



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THE COIN GUZZLER

In-game purchases



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READ BEFORE YOU BUILD

Children are drawn to free games, often on phones or tablets. But a lot of so-called free games encourage players to speed up their progress by using real money to buy things like in-game currency or extra levels.

Free games aren't the only culprit, some console games encourage you to buy expensive extras too.

BUILD AND TALK

- ▶ **Do any of the games you like offer you stuff to buy?**
Which game/s? How do you play them, on your phone/tablet/console?
- ▶ **What sort of stuff can you buy in games?**
Coins, diamonds, character skins, special levels?
- ▶ **Do you think those things make games better?**
If you don't have them, is it as fun?
- ▶ **Have you ever wanted to buy them yourself?**
If you really want something, let's discuss it together!
- ▶ **Do any games ask you to do things to get free coins or other stuff?**
Like share your name or an email address?
- ▶ **If you were asked to fill out your real name, address, or my credit card number would you do it?**
We never know where that information goes, it's best to always check with me before you do it.

MAKE A PACT

- ✔ Let's agree that if you want to buy something in your games you come to me and we can decide together if it's really worth getting.
- ✔ Let's agree that before you install a game we'll check it's not going to ask you to spend money all the time.
- ✔ Let's agree you'll never give out our names, address, email address or my credit card details online without checking with me first.

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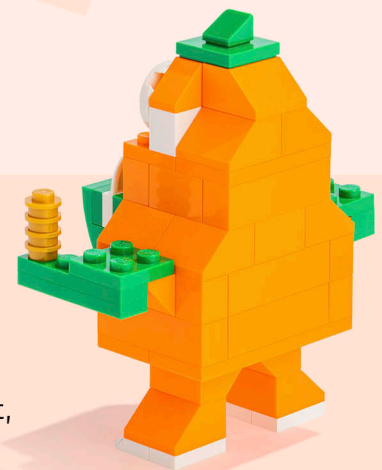


The COIN GUZZLER

Big eyes to spot someone to feed it gold

Always got coins nearby to guzzle

Big mouth with big teeth



PERSONALITY

If you're into games where you have to pay for things like **coins**, **diamonds** or **extra lives**, you've probably met this **greedy character**. No matter how much you feed it money it will just keep asking for more, gulping it down in an instant. **Beware**; once you start feeding it, it's hard to stop. It's very demanding and persuasive!

It's BUILDING time!



What will your Coin Guzzler look like ?

Have a good look at the picture above to get familiar with all of the **Coin Guzzler's** special features.

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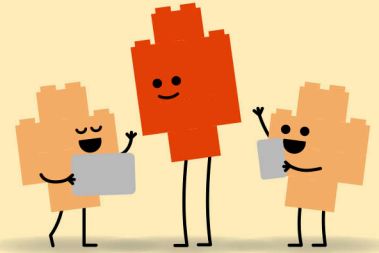


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A BIG WELL DONE!

On average, parents will only spend **46 minutes** discussing digital safety and wellbeing with their child during their entire childhood.

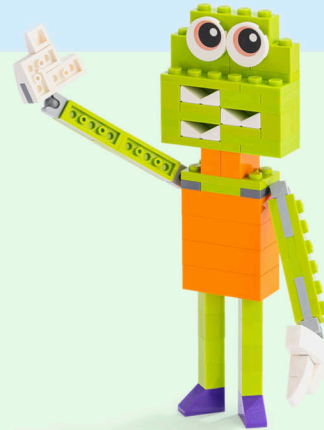
Now you've broken the ice why not keep talking regularly?



If your child is into other things online then why not try another of our activity packs, with build and talk activities to help you keep up and them stay safe.



Explore online video with
THE GIGGLER



Explore online messaging with
THE CHATTERBOX



You can download our packs from [LEGO.com/buildandtalk](https://www.lego.com/buildandtalk)

FURTHER RESOURCES

For more tips on digital safety and wellbeing visit:

[LEGO.com/onlinesafety](https://www.lego.com/onlinesafety)

SHARE YOUR BUILD

Why not share your creations on LEGO Life?

Take a photo and share it using **#OnlineExplorers** on the LEGO Life app.

The **LEGO Life app** is a safe place for kids to share their creations with other kids.

Find out more about it on [LEGO.com](https://www.lego.com)



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