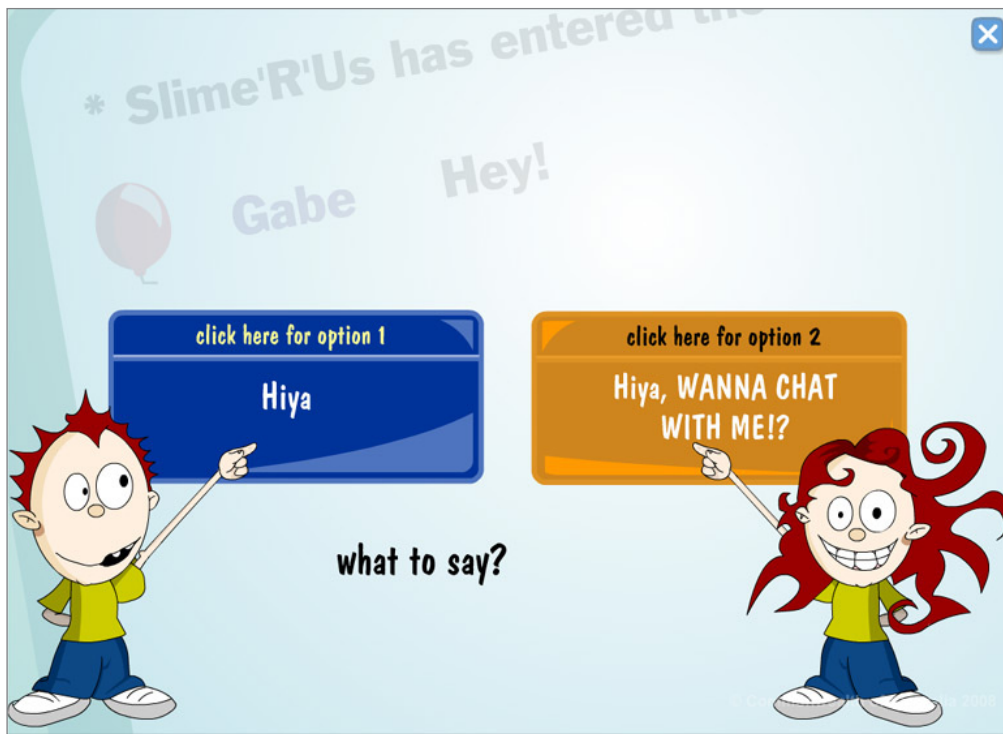


Let's chat

After filling in their profile the cousins start chatting to Gabe who says, 'Hi'.



The boy cousin wants to say 'Hiya' in reply but his sister writes 'Hiya WANNA CHAT WITH ME!?' in capital letters.

Would you respond to Gabe as the girl cousin did?

To find out whether the girl cousin's message was OK we should look at Gabe's answer.

Gabe says in reply, 'Don't shout at me'.

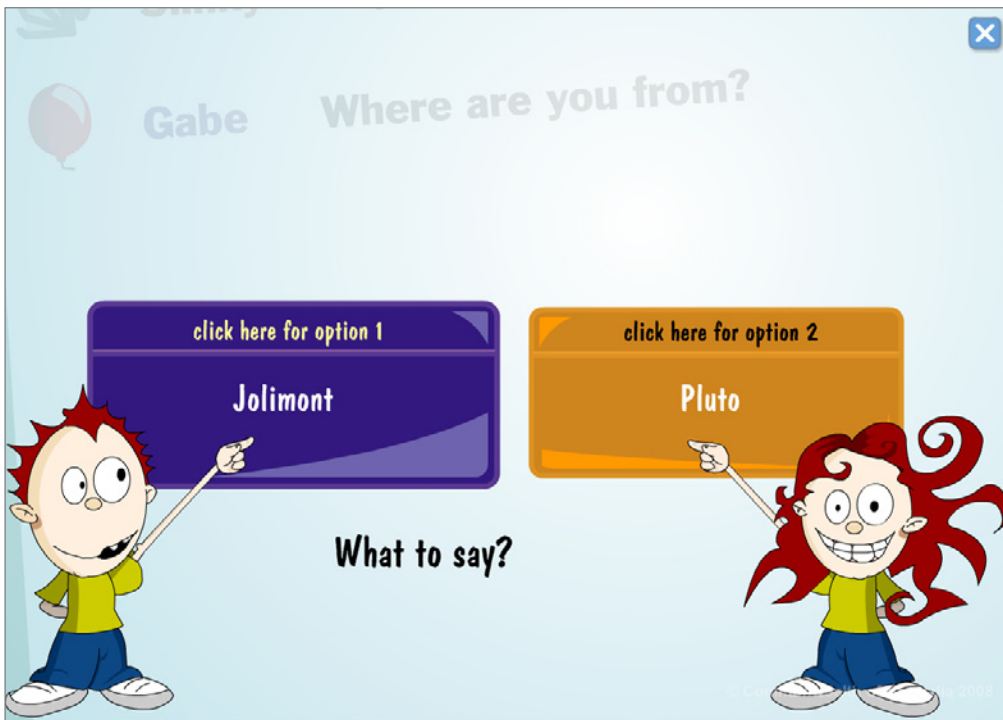
Gabe's right, you should use netiquette. Writing in caps is like shouting. Therefore you shouldn't write answers like the girl cousin did.



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Gabe asks where they are from.

The boy cousin says they should tell him they are in Jolimont but his sister wants to say Pluto.



Which cousin do you agree with?

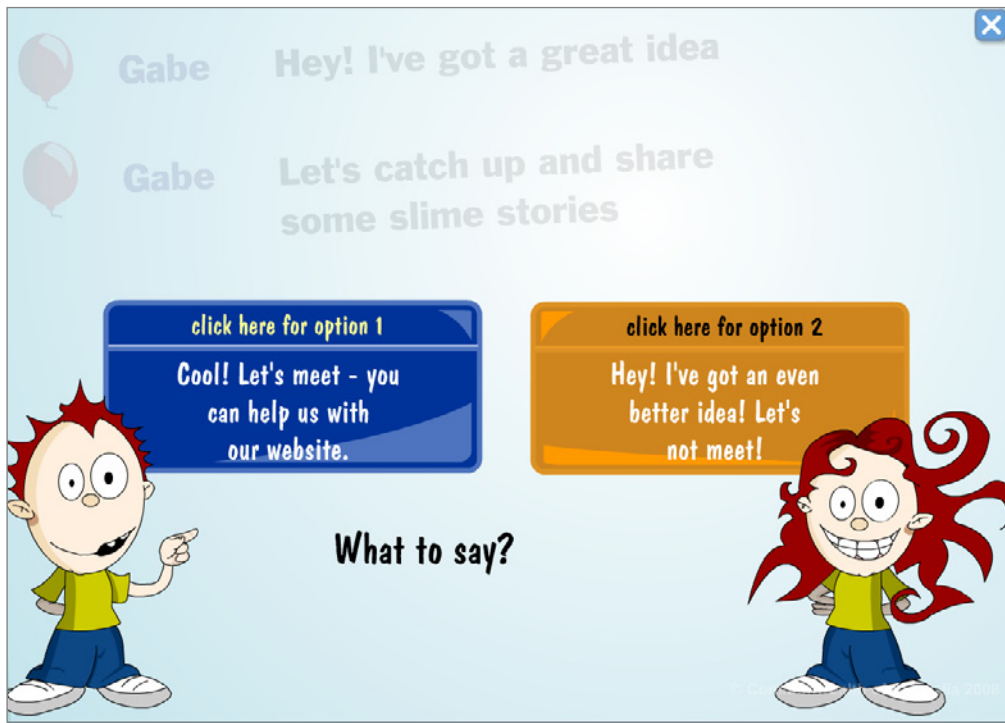
The girl cousin has the right idea. The boy cousin's response provides too much information. Remember, too much information can let people work out your real identity.



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Gabe says, 'I have a great idea—let's meet and catch up on some slime stories.'

The boy cousin suggests they reply, 'Cool! Let's meet—you can help us with our website', but his sister wants to say, 'Hey! I've got an even better idea! Let's not meet!'



Who do you agree with? Remember, never meet anyone in real life that you have met online. You cannot know if they are who they say they are or not.



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The boy cousin continues his chat with another person—Slinky. He says, 'I think slime is fantastic—we are even going to make a website about it. Upload some pictures and stuff.'



Slinky asks, 'What's uploading?'

The boy cousin wants to reply by telling Slinky what uploading is but his sister wants to write, 'Geez—you're not the sharpest tool in the shed are you? I know some mildly moronic monkeys that have a bigger brain than you!'

Would you answer like the brother or the sister?

The boy cousin's response is the right one. You shouldn't answer like the girl cousin wants to—remember that it is silly to insult people and pick a fight. People online can get hurt too.

