

# AAC Small Talk Tips: a kid-friendly guide to e-mail



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AACsmalltalk . . .  
something new and very cool  
a place for kids who use AAC

**"Hi. My name is Josh. I will be 13 in November. I use my  
DynaMyte to help me talk. I want to meet  
more kids like me."**

So began AACsmalltalk, a safe\* and fun listserv for kids who use AAC and their friends. A listserv is a group of kids who have something in common. When you send an email to the listserv, your message goes to all of us but you just write the letter once. You only need a computer and an email address. We're going to "small talk" about fun stuff and some important stuff, too. If you want to join AACsmalltalk, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aacsmalltalk>

\*Parent/Teacher: AACsmalltalk is a moderated listserv. For more information visit our website address listed above. To review 'Safe Surfing', you can visit:

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/brain/computer/surfing/index.html>

# Emoticons

When we are writing to people using e-mail, they cannot hear the tone of voice we are using, or see our face or body language. Because of this, people have started typing symbols to express their moods. These symbols are called emoticons.



joking, happy or  
smiling

: - )



sad or  
frowning

: - (



winking

; - )



yelling

: - O



laughing

: - D



mad

~ : - (

# Emoticon Match

Cut out the words on the next pages and paste them next to the emoticon below that means the same thing.

: - )

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: - O

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: - D

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: - (

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: - )

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~ : - (

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# Emoticon Match




happy or smiling




sad or frowning




winking



yelling



laughing



mad




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sad or frowning



winking



yelling



laughing



mad

# Emoticon Match



happy or  
smiling



sad or  
frowning

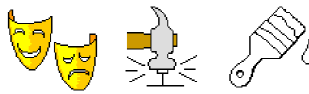
winking



yell(ing)



laugh(ing)



mad

# Acronyms

Acronyms are abbreviations formed by using the initial letters of each word in a phrase.

Using acronyms can make typing e-mails faster and easier. Here is a list of acronyms people use most.

Grin

G

As Soon As Possible

ASAP

By The Way

BTW

See You Later

CUL8R

Got To Go

G2G

Laughing Out Loud

LOL

See You Soon

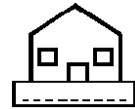
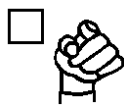
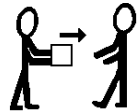
SYS

Ta Ta For Now

TTFN

# Safe Surfing

1. Never give out your last name, address,

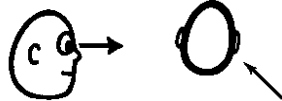


phone number, school name or other personal



information.

2. Never agree to go see someone you've met



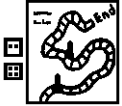
on the computer.



### 3. Ask your parents before downloading



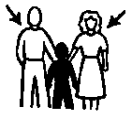
games or other programs to your computer.



### 4. Never send a person your picture without



your parent's permission.



### 5. Do not enter contests without asking your



parents first.



6. Never click on any links that are in e-mail



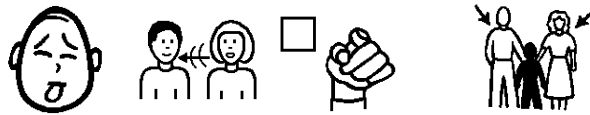
from someone you don't know.



7. If someone sends you something that makes



you feel bad, tell your parents or teacher.



8. Do not give out your internet password to



anybody.

