IF ASKED TO SHARE AND YOUR PARENTS aren’t aware, SHOUT NO!

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Zoe and Molly are best friends. They are 9-years-old and in grade 4. They go to King Arthur Elementary School in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The girls spend a lot of time playing games online. Their favourite game is Blocker. In the game, you can build anything you want. It is so cool! You can build inventions and entire worlds either underground or underwater. During recess at school…

Want to come over to my house after school to play Blocker? I think I am going to try to build a castle.

Awesome. What are you going to name it?

Not sure yet.

I’ll have to ask my Grandma if I can come over after school.

Ok. Let me know.

I can come over.

Great!
What have you built so far?

What have you built?

I built a mansion with a sauna and a big hot tub.

Cool!!!

Epic!!!

So now you want to build a castle?

Yeah. This person is going to show me where her castle is.

Oh! Who is she?

She built a huge castle underwater.

She's my friend. She is really nice.

Awesome!

What's her name?

Cool!!!

Epic!!!

Yah. This person is going to show me where her castle is.

I built a huge pool yesterday with water slides. I started building a rollercoaster, but I'm not finished. I need more stone blocks.
No_rulz11. I don’t know her real name.

How old is she?

11.

Do you talk to her a lot?

Kinda...

Where is she from?

Florida.

Let’s see if she’s playing now.

Okay.
Molly logs onto Blocker under her username Lucky10 and sends a message to No_rulz11.

Lucky10: hey, R U on?
No_rulz11: hey there! How wuz school?
Lucky10: good. Wonderin if u will show me ur castle?
No_rulz11: sure. R U finished the roller coaster yet?
Lucky10: no. I don’t have enuf stone blocks. I only have wool ones.
No_rulz11: I can help u.
Lucky10: ok. Thx. my frnd is helping me 2.
No_rulz11: it is an app where we can see each other. It’s awesome!

No_rulz11: Who’s ur frnd?

Lucky10: Zoe. She’s my bff.

No_rulz11: Say hi to her. I know I said I would show u the castle. I can also help u build one.

Lucky10: Epic!!!

sic!!!

Lucky10: Zoe. She’s my bff.

No_rulz11: I rly want 2 c u. Ur so nice. Can u go on video chat app?

No_rulz11: it is an app where we can see each other. It’s awesome!

Lucky10: thx. Ur nice 2. I have never done that.
Molly looks at Zoe and asks her what she thinks. Zoe’s instincts tell her it isn’t a good idea. Her grandma has told her not to talk to people online without her permission but, No_rulz11 is so nice. She is going to help Molly build a castle and finish her roller coaster. Molly and Zoe decide it is okay to talk to her on the website. No_rulz11 helps Molly set up an account and they start chatting in the video website. No_rulz11 can see Molly, but Molly can’t see her because her webcam isn’t working.

The girls start giggling and Molly strikes a modelling pose.

No_rulz11: Hey aren’t u in gymnastics? Can you do the splitz?
Lucky10: Ya

No_rulz11: No way!!! That’s so awesome. I can barely touch my toes. Let’s see.
Lucky10: haha. It’s easy. Zoe can do it 2.
No_rulz11: cool. Do u have a gymnastic suit?

Lucky10: ya. Lots of them.

No_rulz11: show me.

No_rulz11: Beautiful. Can I see what the purple one looks like on u?

The girls look at each other confused. They start giggling and Molly goes and gets a few of her gym suits and shows them to No_rulz11.

Zoe looks at Molly and shakes her head. She whispers, "No Way!" to Molly.
Zoe asks Molly why No_rulz11 is being so mean. She thinks it is weird that she wants her to change into her gymnastics suit and doesn’t think Molly should do it. Molly gets angry with Zoe and tells her she is just jealous because she is going to build a castle with some gold blocks. The girls start to argue. Molly’s 17-year-old brother, Tyler, comes downstairs and Zoe starts to cry.
Molly and Zoe start arguing in front of Tyler. Zoe looks at Molly and says she is telling Tyler because she is uncomfortable. Zoe tells Tyler what has happened and he calls his mom to come downstairs.
Read the following ending of Zoe & Molly Online and discuss it as a class:

Molly’s mom hugs her and Zoe. She explains that new friendships should not be started online without permission from parents/guardians. It is impossible to know who you are really talking to and it can be unsafe. She asks the girls how they really know if No_rulz11 is an 11-year-old girl? The two girls look at each other wide-eyed. She continues explaining that whenever they are asked to share personal information or pictures or video chat online, they must first have permission from a parent, or in Zoe’s case, as she doesn’t live with her parents, her grandparents.

Molly’s mom teaches the girls the safety strategy IF ASKED TO SHARE AND YOUR PARENTS AREN’T AWARE, SHOUT NO!

Zoe and Molly realize that they don’t really know No_rulz11 and they should trust their instincts when they start feeling that things seem “weird”.

The girls continue playing Blocker remembering to do the following:

- always have permission from a parent/guardian before accepting new contacts in games
- always have permission from a parent/guardian before sharing personal information, sending pictures or video chatting with someone online
- always talk to a safe adult about anything online that seems weird or feels uncomfortable
II. Questions:

1. At what point in the comic does the conversation between Molly and No_rulz11 seem weird?

2. Why does Molly video chat with No_rulz11?

3. What is the first piece of personal information that Molly shares with No_rulz11?

4. How does Zoe feel when Molly is asked to put her purple gymnastic suit on? How do you know?

5. Does Zoe do the right thing by telling Tyler what is happening? Why or why not?

6. What do you think Zoe should have done, if Tyler hadn’t come downstairs?

7. Why does Molly think No_rulz11 is a good friend? Do you think she is right? Why or why not?

8. Do you think that you would have been more like Molly or Zoe in this situation? Explain.

9. Do you think No_rulz11 was really an 11-year-old girl? Why or why not?

10. Who do you need to ask permission from before you share with someone online?
III. Draw your own ending to Zoe & Molly Online:
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