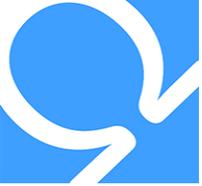


Frequently used Apps used by Children and Young People (January 2015)

APP	Recommended Age	Brief Description
 Ask FM	13	A social networking site where you can ask other people questions. It's up to you whether you want to ask the question anonymously or not.
 BBM	13	BBM is an instant messaging app. You have your own unique 4 digit PIN and other people can only add you as a contact using this. As well as instant messaging, you can have group chats, voice calls and share voice notes and pictures.
 Bearville	6	Build-A-Bear online game. You can create a bear and move them around a virtual world.
 Bin Weevil	Under 13 with parent's consent	An online virtual world where you can play free online games, chat with friends, adopt a virtual pet, grow your own garden and watch cartoons. You can send messages to other players in the game.
 Chat Roulette	None set	A website which lets you talk to another person anywhere in the world. When you go onto the site, Chatroulette connects you to someone at random . You can talk to people via video or text.
 Club Penguin	13 (under with parents permission)	An online multiplayer game where you can explore a virtual world using a cartoon penguin character. You can also talk to other players.
 Deviant Art	13	An online community where you can post your art and comment on other people's work.

 Facebook	13	A social network, which lets you create a page about yourself. You can add friends, share pictures and videos, write on people's pages, send instant messages and join online groups.
 Facebook Messenger	13	An app which allows users to communicate with their friends from either their Facebook account, or their phonebook. Users can instant message, create group chats, share photos and videos, record voice messages or simply talk to their friends and family
 Flickr	13	An online photo sharing site. You can share your own pictures and follow other people.
 FML	13	An online community where you can post a short caption about an unfortunate incident that has happened during your day. The caption usually starts with "today..." and ends with "FML". You can also comment on other people's stories.
 Google plus	13	A space where you can share photos and videos, instant message or make video-calls . The site allows you to create 'circles' of contacts, so you can share different types of content with your different networks. It has a 'Hangout' section, where you can use your webcam to have meetings, group discussions or group catch-ups.
 Habbo hotel	13	Social network site where you can communicate and interact in a virtual hotel. You can create your own characters, design hotel rooms, and talk to other players. You can also chat in the public rooms, which can be used by anyone. If you want to chat privately to someone you can create a guest room.

 Instagram	13	A picture and video sharing app. Users can post content and use hashtags to share experiences, thoughts or memories with an online community. You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and even companies on Instagram
 Keek	13	A social network where you can upload video updates, called "keeks". Users can reply to videos with text or video comments known as "keekbacks".
 Kik	13	an instant messaging app. It lets you create your own username and message others without using your mobile number. You can share photos, organise events, share games, news and anything of interest to you from the internet
 Meet me	Under 13 with parents permission	A social network and dating site which allows users to meet and communicate with other people worldwide
 Meow chat	13	A social network that allows you to have chats with strangers in a public chat room, with the option to then move into a private conversation, or to chat with other people based on their location.
 Minecraft	13	A game that lets you build and create a virtual world using building blocks. Other activities include using the multiplayer function to explore the worlds created by other users and to combat, chat and play with them.
 Mini clip	13	An online gaming website. You can compete and play against other people and even create your own game players page with statistics. You can instant message people and comment on the games on Miniclip.

 <p>Moshi monsters</p>	<p>Under 13 with parents permission</p>	<p>An online game where you can adopt and look after a pet monster. You can use your pet monster to make your way through different challenges and games.</p>
 <p>Moviestar planet</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An online game. You can create a famous movie star character to talk to others in the chat room, play games and watch videos.</p>
 <p>My LOL</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>a dating site for teenagers aged 13-20, but some users are up to 25 years old. Like an adult dating site, you can view other people's profiles and search for others based on their age, gender and location. You can also post on the MyLOL forums, send instant messages and make video calls</p>
 <p>MySpace</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>A social networking site that features a lot of music tracks and music videos. Myspace also includes email, forums, videos and blog space</p>
 <p>Omegle</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>A social networking site that randomly connects you to another person who's on the site. It lets you talk to them in a one-to-one audio or video conversation. You can both appear as anonymous, unless you decide to share your personal information.</p>
 <p>ooVoo</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>A video chat app. It lets you make video calls, voice calls and send texts to friends and family. You can also start a group video chat with up to 12 people. Privacy settings let you decide if you want to just talk to your friends or with people you don't know.</p>
 <p>Pinterset</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>An online interactive pin board. You can create collections of pin boards using your own images and you can also re-pin things from other people.</p>

 <p>Popjam</p>	13	A creative website for children and young people. You can share drawings, photos and audio messages with friends and other people.
 <p>Reddit</p>	13	An online forum where you can submit written content and web links. Other visitors to the site can rate the content. The more popular something is the higher up it appears on the website.
 <p>Secrets</p>	13	A social networking app where you can post content anonymously. You can also comment on a friend's post anonymously as you're given a new profile picture for each conversation. When a friend likes your post it gets shared with their friends and this continues to be shared with other people.
 <p>sickapedia</p>	0	An online forum where you can submit short jokes, which can be viewed online. Visitors to the website can rate the jokes and their votes. The more popular a joke is the higher up it appears on the website.
 <p>Skout</p>	13	A social networking site and app, which you can use to connect with people worldwide. There are two separate communities – one for adults (18+) and one for young people aged 13-17.
 <p>Skype</p>	13	A computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages
 <p>Snapchat</p>	13	Lets you send a photo or short video to your friends. The 'snap' appears on screen for a matter of seconds before disappearing. There's also a feature called Snapchat Story that lets you share lots of snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours.

 <p>Snog</p>	13	A teen dating site that lets you rate other people's profiles as snog, marry or avoid. These ratings are then ranked and users are featured on a top-rated members list. You can also send private messages.
 <p>Tango</p>	13	An app which allows you to make voice and video calls and have group chats. You can also meet new friends, play games, send music messages, and share photos
 <p>Tinder</p>	13	A dating app, which has two separate communities – one for adults (18+) and one for young people aged 13-17. You're shown other people's profile pictures and you swipe left for 'no' or right for 'yes'. When you and another person both swipe right on each other's pictures you can talk to them directly. GPS settings mean you can search for people in the same area as you.
 <p>Tumblr</p>	13	A social networking site that lets you share text, photos, quotes, links, audio clips, slideshows and videos. And you can customise your page and share other people's posts. You can also send private messages.
 <p>Twitch</p>	13	A live video game website. You can watch playbacks of games being played by other people. You can also live stream your own games, and chat to other gamers.
 <p>Twitter</p>	13	A messaging service that lets you post public messages called tweets. These can be up to 140 characters long. As well as tweets, you can send private messages. Brands and companies can also have Twitter accounts
 <p>Viber</p>	13	A computer program and app, which lets you text, call, share photos and send video messages to people worldwide

 Vine	13	A social networking app that lets you share 6-second videos that play on a loop. You can also repost videos created by others and leave comments.
 Wechat	13	An app which lets you send and receive texts, voice messages and video calls. You can share photos and videos and talk in 'walkie talkie' mode with up to 40 friends.
 Whatsapp	16	An instant messaging app, which lets you send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations.
 Whisper	13	A social network where you can remain anonymous, publish text and receive replies from other people. It also allows you to communicate with others through private messages
 Yahoo	13	An app that allows you to instant message, voice and video call and share images with other Yahoo Messenger contacts
 YikYak	17	An online bulletin board. It uses the GPS settings on your mobile phone or tablet to find your location and show you the most recent posts from other people around you. As well as posting your own content, you can post and vote on other people's bulletin boards
 Youtube	13	A place to watch, create and share videos. Videos can include things like music, animation, online blogs and clips from TV shows. You can create your own YouTube account, create a music playlist, and even create your own channel, which means you will have a public profile. It allows you to comment on videos.

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