

What Parents Say	What Kids Think It Means	What It Actually Means
"The Wi-Fi is down."	"We've entered the Stone Age."	The internet isn't working right now.
"I'm updating the software."	"Your tablet is going into hibernation until next year."	Installing the newest version to fix bugs and stay secure.
"We're limiting screen time."	"We're limiting joy, fun, and my reason for living."	Setting rules for how long you can use devices.
"Use your device responsibly."	"Don't watch cat videos for 6 hours straight."	Make smart choices and don't overdo it.
"That app isn't age-appropriate."	"It's fun, so obviously I'm banned."	The app has content that's not safe or suitable for your age.
"We're monitoring your activity."	"They've hired spies to read my Roblox chat."	We're checking what you do online to help keep you safe.
"Don't click random links."	"BUT is says FREE PIZZA!! My parents are weirdos."	Some links can lead to scams or viruses.
"You need a strong password."	"No, 'unicorn123' is apparently too weak to protect my empire."	Use a password that's hard to guess with letters, numbers, and symbols.
"Everything you post stays online."	"So that baby photo of me wearing just a nappy is online FOREVER?"	Once you post something, it can be copied or saved even if you delete it.
"We're turning off the router."	"You've activated the boredom protocol."	We're disconnecting the internet for now.
"Let's talk about digital balance."	"You get 30 minutes of screen time and 3 hours of chores."	Finding a healthy mix of online and offline activities.
"That game has in-app purchases."	"It's free... until I accidentally buy 47 sparkly hats."	The game lets you buy things with real money while playing.
"You're too young for social media."	"I'm too young to be famous, apparently."	Social media can be risky, and you need to be older to use it safely.
"We're using parental controls."	"They've installed a force field around the fun stuff."	Settings that help parents manage what kids can access online.