



## Omegle

### What is it?

Omegle is a free online chat website and mobile app that allows strangers to communicate via text and video without having to register. Users can either be paired randomly or use interest tags to be paired with those of similar interests.

### What is the age requirement?

Users of Omegle must be at least 13 years of age to use text chat and the monitored video feature. Users 18 years of age or older may use the unmonitored video chat.

### Where can I learn more?

<http://www.omegle.com>

## 3 Things Parents Should Know

1. The app allows anyone to connect with your kids via video chat. Users need to be aware that anything that is said can be shared with third parties. There appear to be no real mechanisms in place for reporting problems or abuse.
2. There is an age requirement in place to block younger users from sexual content of the video feature but this requirement is easy to circumnavigate. The app will ask if you are over 18, but anyone can click okay and be immediately connected.
3. Users have the option to connect Omegle to their Facebook accounts in order to be paired based on their “likes”. This also gives Omegle access to users’ basic Facebook information and Facebook friends may potentially view Omegle activity. In addition, users have the ability to save the chat log and share the link without the other user’s knowledge.

