## BENEFITS OF VIDEO CHATTING

## Ol Builds Relationships

Nowadays, many of us have family members who live in all different parts of the country, or the world. For younger children, many of them may not have had the opportunity to meet their extended family members from faraway places yet, especially due to the pandemic. Video chatting with family members who live far away can be a great way to introduce your child to new people and foster a relationship between the two. That way, when it does come time for them to meet in person, they will already have formed a connection.

## 03 Teaches Social Cues

When children see their parents communicating with family and friends over facetime, they will pick up on the behaviors exhibited by their parent. For toddlers, this can be a way for them to learn new words as well and become more comfortable meeting and speaking to new people.



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## Positive Screen Time

A common struggle for parents has been trying to decide how much screen time should be allowed daily. With video chatting, children are kept occupied but in a productive way. Shared book reading has become a common practice since the start of the pandemic. This is when grandparents or other family members read to a child or group

of children, and then they spend

time discussing the story. This can

help to improve vocabulary and

teach kids to look at a story from

different angles.



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