

Finn's New Game

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Level 20

Running Words 565 Text Type Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Digital); Science (Earth and Space Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 How did Finn learn about the new game, *Comet Blaster*?
- 2 How many Star Points did Finn get for blasting a comet?
- 3 Why did Mum say they would block StarShip9?

Inferential

- 4 Why do people choose a different name when playing games on the internet?
- 5 Why did Finn think it was strange to be asked to tell his real name?
- 6 Why did Mum say Finn could only play *Comet Blaster* when she was at home?
- 7 How do you know Finn was able to keep his spaceship away from the black hole?
- 8 Why did Finn's mum let him chat with RocketMan3 but not StarShip9?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why did the comets melt when they were blasted with a ball of flame?
- 10 Why should we be careful of sharing too much information about ourselves on the internet?

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Chapter 1

A New Game

Finn was at school talking with his friend Ethan.

“Have you played *Comet Blaster*?” asked Ethan.

“It’s a new game on the internet and it’s really good.”

“How do you play it?” Finn asked.

Ethan looked excited.

“You zoom around in a spaceship and zap comets,” he said.

“You win Star Points for every comet you hit.”

“That sounds like fun!” said Finn.

“I could play it on our laptop at home.”

“You can talk to other people who are playing,” said Ethan, smiling. “You might see my spaceship. It’s called RocketMan3!”



After school, Finn raced inside to ask Mum if he could play *Comet Blaster*.

"Mum's still at work," said Finn's big sister, Lauren.

"Can I play a game on the laptop?" Finn asked her.

"It's called *Comet Blaster*. My friend Ethan plays it."

"Okay," said Lauren. "As long as you're quiet. I have homework to do."

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Finn quickly downloaded *Comet Blaster*.

Then, he made up a good name
for his spaceship: MoonWalker7.

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