

# Feeling On Display

**\* DID YOU KNOW ...**

Approximately half of the gamer population is female!

## Unjumble to find the hidden words

1. euolbd naaddsrt \_\_\_\_\_

2. lbucip oimdan \_\_\_\_\_

3. dtnsyreba \_\_\_\_\_

4. miega \_\_\_\_\_

5. iligtad amdei \_\_\_\_\_

6. tegrat \_\_\_\_\_

**\* WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Do we have different expectations for how girls and guys should look or act online? If so, where do we learn these attitudes? If not, why not?



## 1. Family Activity

Josh clicked open his Instagram app and saw the latest version of his grade's new favorite game. Someone would post pictures of four girls on Instagram, and others would vote for the most attractive by "liking" her picture. The girl whose picture received the fewest number of likes would be eliminated, and pictures of the other three girls were reposted for another round of voting. The sharing and voting process would continue until there was a winner. Josh said that one of the "worst" parts of the game was that the girls who lost might actually initiate another round of the game with a fresh set of girls, in the hopes of winning a separate version. Still, he didn't want to get involved. He knew that games such as Hot or Not were popular in other schools, so he figured this was just his grade's version.

**\* DO YOU REMEMBER ...**  
 What a double standard is and how it relates to differences in how boys and girls are judged when they post photos online?

## 2. Think Out Loud!

- What is your immediate reaction to this situation? What seems realistic or unrealistic?
- How do the people whom you follow use Instagram?
- Have you ever heard of anything like this happening on social media?
- Do you think there's a difference between the kinds of pictures girls share of themselves and the kinds of pictures boys share? What about differences in the ways boys and girls are judged online?
- What would you have done if you were in this situation? What advice would you give Josh?

## 3. Common Sense Says ...

Keep in mind that gender and sex are not the same thing. Gender has to do with social identities and roles, how culture defines "masculine" and "feminine." Sex, on the other hand, is a matter of anatomy and biology. Just because someone's sex is male doesn't mean you can draw any conclusions about that person's gender identity. Remember when you think about gender stereotypes and their influence to consider individuals with different sexes and gender identities.