

ROADRUNNER REVIEW

Bell Intermediate School

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Miss McLearie Has an Uninvited Guest

By: Quinn G.

April 6 around 7:45 in the morning Miss McLearie entered her classroom and was shocked to find what she thought to be a snake in the door jam.

She immediately panicked. There was a 14 inch long creature in her dark classroom, so she jumped and screamed. Her first thought was: "I'm going to get bit." As she panicked, she took out her phone and started taking pictures so the flash would provide a tiny bit of light in the dark room.

She then called Mrs. Csakan. She instructed her to come to her class and open the door but not to come in. She just wanted the "snake" to be able to escape. Mrs. Csakan came to her rescue, but she looked inside then screamed. The "snake" didn't budge, so they called the custodian, Mr. Nguyen, who Miss McLearie called a "hero." He captured it using a broom and figured out the "snake" was actually a lizard, specifically an alligator lizard. Mrs. Csakan took pictures and

sent them to people. Her husband saw the lizard and asked if they could keep it as a pet. They took it home and named it DJ Larry because Larry was found in the door jam.

Although no one knows how DJ Larry got in, Miss McLearie has a theory. She thinks he crawled into the sanitation unit and when it was rolled into her classroom that morning, it climbed out. After the incident Miss McLearie immediately told her class what had happened. She explained how she'd freaked out and was now traumatized from the experience. Even though she grew up with snakes and doesn't have a phobia, she enters her classroom with caution. Despite this, she still looks back at the incident and laughs. She says she wouldn't act differently if it happened again or if her students were there. She says at least from this experience she has learned, "Things seem scary at first but once you calm down things get better."



The Effect of a Global Pandemic From the Eyes of a Bell Student

By Sofia C.

As the rate of COVID-19 cases has decreased and with the new vaccine being introduced, things have been starting to look "normal." Although things seem to have gotten better, students struggle with the pressure of adjusting to the changes around them.



Before the massacre we know as COVID-19, a lot of students were used to going to school everyday and getting assignments done and turned in on time. Knowing that they have started doing the regular school routine again, students say they have lost the motivation to do the things they used to do. This loss of motivation can really affect a student's mental health and grades, so it is important to constantly check on students' well being. Teachers could help students cope with everything by having mental health checks every once and a while. This helps students

realize they have someone who truly cares about them and it helps them feel safer in the often labeled as being lazy when in reality most students are just having trouble adjusting to what's happening in the world around them. It is very important for others to understand that.

Many families have suffered from the pandemic this year. The added stress of trying to stay safe while also living their lives can be very stressful and overwhelming. Not being able to go outside and socialize with friends and family has been one of the hardest things of quarantine.

Students were asked for their thoughts about lockdown. This is one of the students' responses. "My experience in quarantine was all around the world.

school environment. Loss of motivation is

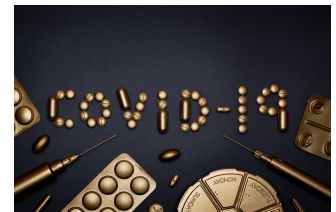
interesting because I was at home and nobody could go anywhere. I thought it was very weird that we had to wear masks and there weren't many products in stores. During this period of time, I would say I learned a lot," said Trinity M. "Quarantine hasn't been fun, but since I was forced to spend so much time with my family, we were forced to get closer," said Quinn G.

Other students have said that they "were sick of staying inside" and they were "sacred for their families." Seeing the news and adults talking about the 3,717,471 deaths globally has really impacted students and families .

Do You Have the Power to Stop the Coronavirus?

By: Olivia T.

The coronavirus has spread around the world since January of 2020 and is still continuing currently. Many lives were lost during this time. The numbers have reached about 173 million cases worldwide. Even with the vaccine, the virus is still spreading rapidly, causing many to stop working, children having online school, and many losing their loved ones. It isn't impossible to end this pandemic if we all play our parts and take precautions. Students at Bell have been interviewed on their ways to stay safe during the pandemic. Please keep these tips in mind for future use.



1. "To prevent the spread of the coronavirus, you should cover your sneeze and cough with a tissue and throw it away immediately after." -**Ally T.**
2. "You can prevent the spread of COVID by getting the vaccine." -**Brandon M.**
3. "To prevent the spread of COVID, I would wear masks when going out." -**Christiana F.**
4. "COVID can be prevented if we wear our mask properly and keep it on." -**Payton B.**
5. "To prevent the spread of COVID, I sanitize frequently touched objects and surfaces often." -**Vanessa L.**
6. "If you use hand sanitizer often, you can kill germs/bacteria and prevent the coronavirus from spreading to others if you have it." -**Caleb K.**
7. "To prevent the spread of COVID, I plan on getting the vaccine." -**Tiffany N.**
8. "One way we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to stay socially distant from others as much as we possibly can." -**Ava R.**
9. "You can prevent the spread of COVID by washing your hands frequently. This helps kill bacteria and keeps everyone safe." -**Ann Y.**

10. "You should avoid going to crowded places to prevent spreading COVID." -**Janai B.**
 11. "I constantly wash my hands and use hand sanitizers to prevent spreading COVID." -**Mr. Gore**
 12. "To prevent the spread of COVID, I can get the vaccine." -**Mariah Z.**
 13. "One thing to help prevent the coronavirus from spreading is wearing a mask because you have a higher chance of not catching it rather than wearing no mask." -**Jaelyn T.**
 14. "One way we can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to get the vaccine that kids ages 12-15 are now allowed to get! It will help stop the spread and will make you safer around others!" -**Alexis V.**
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How to Have Safe Summer Fun

By: Erica A.

Summer is almost here, which means it's time for summer fun! During this pandemic, we still have to stay safe. Here are some fun things to do while still staying safe.

One activity you can do is going bike riding. It's an easy way to hang out with your friends and still be safe. Since no one has to get close to each other, it's perfect for safe summer fun. You can ride to the park, a beach, to a friend's house, or even just drive around with no destination. Bike riding is great since you don't have to get too close to anyone and it keeps you active.

Another thing you can do is have a day at the park. There are many different possibilities for the park. You can play a sport like football, soccer, badminton, basketball, or whatever you choose. It keeps you active and there's plenty of space.

You can also have a picnic with your friends. A picnic allows you to talk with your friends or family and have a good lunch together. You can bring sandwiches, pizza, cookies, salad, and so much more. Painting with friends could also be tons of fun at the park.

You guys can give each other challenges or just hang out. Painting can even be done by yourself, anywhere. Stargazing is another great thing to do at the park. Going out at night with your friends and looking up at the stars or even just sitting there together and talking is great. It doesn't require anyone to be near each other at all; just make sure you're being safe out at night.

You can also host a movie night with people. One way to do it is by having an online movie night using Teleparty or anything else to watch movies together while staying at home. You could also have a movie night by going to a friend's backyard or garage and using a projector to play a movie. Everyone can spread out using chairs but still have the experience of being together. You can bring your own snacks and have a great time.

Playing video games is another great way to have fun and be safe. Playing multiplayer games is a fun way to hang out with friends and do something engaging. It gives a challenge to everyone who is playing while still being together. Even if you don't want a challenge, there are games like *Minecraft* that allow you to just hang out and build if you want to. If you'd rather just play by yourself, that's great too. There are plenty of games that are a lot of fun for single players. No matter who you're playing with, video games are a great way to have fun while being safe.

One last thing that you can do is having an online meeting with people and playing sleepover games online. Sleepover games could include Truth or Dare, Two Truths and One Lie, any card game, or anything you can think of. It allows people to stay safe



but still have the feeling of a sleepover. Not only that, it's During these times, it's very difficult to be able to have fun with friends especially. Although, doing things like

fun even on its own rather than just being a sleepover game. This is a great way of having fun online. going bike riding, going to the park, playing video games, having a movie night, and playing sleepover games online is a good way to be able to get back on track with summer while staying safe. Using these tricks could make your summer a whole lot better.

Virtual Vacations: The Best Option for Summer Trips?

By: Clayton N.

It has been officially more than a year since the pandemic brought normal activities to a halt, and even though some travel restrictions have been lifted recently, vacations still come with many limitations. Travelling, from going to a nearby beach to going on a road trip to another state, has not returned to normal yet. However, virtual vacations are an alternative choice for families that do not feel comfortable travelling during the pandemic, but with so many media for digital trips, finding the best method of virtual travel is very difficult. *Google Arts and Culture* is a great solution to the at-home vacation problem because it is versatile, interactive, and most importantly, enjoyable. Unlike its "cousins" *Google Cardboard* and *Google Expeditions*, *Google Arts and Culture* does not require an app or any additional items for the virtual experience, so it is very simple to access. The website for *Google Arts and Culture* will have "Street View," where users can view tourist attractions and city streets as if they were in-person. Even if the app for *Google Arts and Culture* is more immersive and realistic than the website, the website will offer many of the features found on the app. Additionally, *Google Arts and Culture* boasts many interactive programs designed to spark creativity and captivate users of various interests. Here are some recommendations for "Street View" vacations on *Google Arts and Culture*.

1) The International Space Station. With all



of the gadgets hanging from the walls and bags scattered around the station, the ISS is not the most aesthetically pleasing place to vacation; however, being placed into the position of an astronaut aboard the International Space Station is remarkable in its own way. Getting a glimpse of the life of astronauts living on the ISS is not an experience many can enjoy, especially when a trip there costs \$50-55 million dollars per person. Though the International Space Station dulls in comparison to some of the other virtual vacations *Google Arts and Culture* provides, using "Street View" offers an out-of-this-world virtual trip at home.

2) Machu Picchu. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a wonder, as many adventurous travellers will travel there to experience the former Inca citadel. Even if the citadel is blanketed in moss and crumbling in some areas, *Google Arts and Culture* allows online visitors to see the nearly 200 structures and buildings that contribute to the popular architectural wonder. With the ability to zoom in and out with "Street View," users will get to familiarize themselves with Machu Picchu against the awe-inspiring landscape of the Andes mountains.



3) The Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower is one of the most iconic destinations in the world, and the structure receives an average of 25,000 visitors every day. Employing *Google Arts and Culture* to manage the tour to the Eiffel Tower will not only save a lot of time and money, but it will also give a picturesque view of Paris; keep in mind that "Street View" will not allow users to tour any floors above or below the starting point. Although the clouds might ruin the ambience of the "vacation," seeing the city of Paris from the Eiffel Tower is still very memorable.



4) Open Walls Baltimore. This part of Baltimore is filled with artistic murals produced



by street artists in spring 2012. The colorful murals painted on public spaces create a magnificent exhibition of art and community, both of which attract tourists seeking out the art ambition that Open Walls Baltimore displays. *Google Arts and Culture* nicely highlights the creative techniques that make these works unique and breathes life into the murals as if virtual visitors were in-person to marvel at the project 29 artists completed. The murals were designed to brighten up Baltimore's public spaces, and touring this artistic gallery with *Google Arts and Culture* still gives depth to these murals in a way that other paintings can not convey.

5) The British

Museum. Although the British Museum features countless artifacts and statues from ancient times, the museum additionally contains relics from more modern societies and times. Seeing the giant glass dome of the British Museum is breathtaking on its own, as not many museums or galleries can provide that experience to their visitors, but the artifacts kept inside the museum are also notable displays. The British Museum in "Street View" is a great option for people interested in the ancient world, yet it has exhibits for those who prefer seeing beautiful art instead of old artifacts.



6) The Museo Frida

Kahlo. The Museo Frida Kahlo, or The Blue House, was where Frida Kahlo, renowned Latin American artist, lived most of her life. The museum exhibition includes fragments of her life, such as her garden, kitchen, and studio, for visitors to experience the life of Frida Kahlo; her legacy is shown with her remaining house accessible to the public. Her paintings are just one part of the tour, as the garden, kitchen, and studio lets *Google Arts and Culture* users vividly visualize



Frida Kahlo's life inside The Blue House with a stunning atmosphere.

7) The Uffizi Gallery. With its numerous paintings and sculptures showcased proudly around this popular museum, the Uffizi Gallery boasts many pieces of art made by admired painters and sculptors, yet more works are hiding in plain sight throughout *Google Arts and*



Culture's digital experience of this famed museum. Art not only covers the walls in the form of distinguished paintings, but drawings also plaster the ceiling of the gallery to add more value to the virtual vacation experience. There is much to examine inside the Uffizi Gallery, and the zoom features that users can view the paintings and sculptures are nothing to overlook; the detail that the zoom feature accentuates can not be easily accomplished by actually travelling to the Uffizi Gallery. The museum is truly a spectacle for those who wish to take in everything the gallery has to offer.

8) The Tokyo Fuji Art

Museum. The Tokyo Fuji Art Museum showcases many iconic works of art, all of which are spotlighted by the ambient illumination given from *Google Arts and Culture*. A myriad of artwork can be seen in the virtual form of this museum, and the variety of art displayed from the comfort of home makes this "vacation" worthy of exploring. Since the different pieces of art shown from "Street View" contribute to the exceptional museum, touring the place is a must-have for any art enthusiast or bored person.



9) The Sydney Opera

House. The Sydney Opera House is a very famous tourist attraction in



Australia; however, travelling there is very risky and difficult due to travel restrictions. Fortunately, taking a vacation with "Street View" eliminates the risks and brings the Sydney Opera House to homes around the world. Seeing the shimmering water from the outside of the opera house and the elaborate

concert halls is a pleasure in itself, and taking in the views of Sydney with *Google Arts and Culture* is a bonus for those desperately wanting to see what travelling is all about, if travel plans were cancelled last summer.

10) The White

House. The White House is not a place many adventurous travelers get to see up close, but “Street View” offers an exclusive look at the presidential residence. From viewing the White House from the green spaces of Washington D.C. to touring the White House from the inside, *Google Arts and Culture* provides a very special view of the White House that does not occur often for most travelling



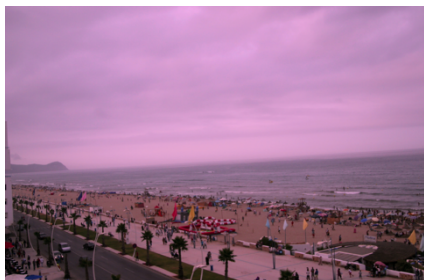
families. The portraits of former presidents along with other art pieces may be an excitement for art lovers, but taking a virtual vacation in the White House is the true gem of this trip.

Overall, *Google Arts and Culture* does a fantastic job of showing users what the world has to offer for them in easy and simple ways, excluding the need for an app or additional items. Even though going on a regular vacation might be preferable for some families, “Street View” presents the opportunity to get glimpses of art and places not available on normal trips. Give one of these virtual visits a try and decide whether *Google Arts and Culture* is the best option for your summer break.

How Do Bell Students and Teachers Feel About Summer?

By: Jaelyn T.

As you may know, summer is right around the corner. Over the summer, you can take a break from



school and relax with family and friends with the time you have off until the next school year. With that being said, many people have mixed feelings about staying home and going on vacation during the summer. Some will miss school and some are excited to party over the summer. Here are some thoughts on how Bell students and teachers feel about summer.

“I look forward to summer because I get to spend more time with my family and friends”- **Olivia T.**

“It's wonderful! I love being able to stay up late and then sleep in the next day.”- **Ms. Besst**

“Excited.”- **Gabriel F.**

“I think it is a good way for the stress over the school year like all the tests/ work gets out and we get to have fun and do things we have never done before.” - **Isaac S.**

“I feel like summer is the time of freedom and relaxation. To me, it's the time to take a break from anything academic. But since COVID started, I can't go out anymore and enjoy my time with friends and family.”-**Sydney N.**

“I feel good that summer is around the corner after a year of school work.”- **Caleb M.**

“I think that I am really happy that summer is almost here because then we don't have school or h.w. for about 3 months.”- **Justine W.**

“As crazy as this year has been, I can't believe summer is almost here. It's strange. In one way it feels like it's been 634, 732,981 days since the pandemic started, but at the same time the school year has gone by quickly.”- **Mrs. Lindgren**

“I'm really excited for summer to be here and being able to have time off and spend time with friends.”- **Adelina C.**

“I feel super excited for all the fun things like trips and hanging out with friends. However, at the same time I can't because that 7th grade is over already.”- **Chloe R.**

"I am super excited that summer is almost here because I get to go on many fun adventures and trips with my family." - **Jaesy T.**

"I'm very excited for all the beach days and can't wait to hang out with my friends and have endless fun" - **Haileigh L.**

I feel great about summer since I don't have to be as stressed. Though, I won't have anything to work on, such as homework." - **Johan P.**

"I look forward to summer after school so I can relax and spend time with my family and sleep in." - **Tyler A.**

"I am very excited for the constant stress of school to be over and to have a nice time

chilling in the summer time. Even though that's what we have been doing for the past year and a half, I'm still looking forward to it." - **Endrix Z.**

"I feel like it is good for kids to take a break from school and just relax for a while. And then when we get back into school, we can get our brains going and get started again." - **Jordan M.**

"I feel as if summer is very exciting for everyone. It's like a break from all negativity, plus it's longer than two days." - **Zoe A.**

"I am feeling excited about summer because me and my friends have been planning to hang out and I have been looking forward to being able to sleep in." - **Reddock T.**

What Movies Do You Watch During the Pandemic?

By: Justine W.

During this pandemic everyone is staying at home and being bored. But do you know what isn't boring? WATCHING MOVIES! How can you be bored if you are watching your favorite movie or show? This survey might just be the answer to your question, *what should I watch?*

"I like watching *Riverdale* because in the show they go through harsh events like we did in this pandemic and its relatable. Also, it's a mystery show and I love those kinds of shows!" - **Emma P.**

"I enjoy watching Disney movies during the pandemic. It's so much fun to rewatch classics and newer Disney

movies with my family." - **Alyson H.**

"I watch *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars*. Those are really fun movies and I like adventure." - **Elle W.**

"I like to watch *Prisoners of the Sky* because it gives us details about the backstory of the anime *The Seven Deadly Sins*." - **Olivia T.**

"My favorite movie to watch during the pandemic is *The Sandlot* because it shows kindness to others." - **Samantha M.**



"The movies I watched during the pandemic were the series of *Fast and*

Furious. I like watching *Fast and Furious* movies because I really like fast cars." - **Isaac R.**

"*Star Wars*, except the sequels, those are bad. The reason I watched it is because I like *Star Wars*." - **David W.**

"I like watching *Thrasher Magazine* because it is cool watching people grind a 13 stair." - **Clark W.**

"I like to watch scary movies. One that I really wanted to see is not really scary, but its look is awesome. It's called *Mortal Combat*." - **Jordan M.**

"I like to watch *Cobra Kai* because it shows that you can always get back on your feet." - **Roxy R.**

"Marvel movies." - **Tyler A.**

Bell Students' Exciting Summer Plans

By: Quinn G.

With summer fast approaching and things becoming more safe and normal, Bell students are starting to plan fun activities for their break. Some of them are just hanging out with friends and some of them are traveling. No matter how they're spending their break, they're excited for what lies ahead.

Haileigh L. - "I plan on riding my bike."

Hannah L. - "I plan on going to the beach with my friends and celebrating summer birthdays."

Emma S. - "My plans for summer are to hang out with my friends, go to Oregon, and do sport camps for Pacifica."

Riley C. - "My plans are to hang out with friends."

Lucy H. - "This summer my plans are to hang out with friends, go to sports camps for Pacifica, and go camping with my family."

Keira A. - "This summer I am planning on hanging out with friends at the park and beach."

Grace F. - "I plan on doing a lot of painting and drawing with colored pencils."

Maddy M. - "My plans for the summer are to hang out with friends and try new hobbies out."

Sofia C. - "My plans for summer are mostly spending time with friends and family."

Lilah C. - "I plan to hang with friends and family."

Aly H. - "My plan this summer is to spend lots of

time with family and friends. Because of how chaotic this past year has been, I really want to spend time with people that I care about."



Alyson M. - "My summer plans are to go on vacation with my family."

Chloe R. - "I'm planning to take my RV across the country with my family."

Sofia L. - "This summer I have my birthday, and we might go to Yosemite."

All of these plans sound exciting. Do you have similar plans to one of your fellow students? This year was so crazy we all deserve a break to just relax and have fun. No matter what you do, make sure to stay safe and have a wonderful break.

Summer Baking Ideas

By: Nora N.

This summer is definitely different than others, but that doesn't mean that it will be worse. Some fun things you can do are baking for your friends and family. The desserts listed down below aren't hard to make and can be enjoyed by everyone unless they have an allergy.



1. Brownies

Brownies are a sweet treat that you can make from the box or from scratch. Either way is easy and you don't need that many ingredients. These sweet treats only take up to half an hour to make and are fun to eat. You can even add your own customizations to make it fun for everyone.

2. Cakes

Cakes are fun to bake and decorate, and they feed everyone. They can be any flavor and have any toppings you want. Whether you buy it or bake it, it still is a tasty treat for the family.

3. Cookies

Nothing can go wrong with cookies. They are delicious and a great snack for hot summers by the pool. You can make cookie dough and store it in the freezer for up to a month, or bake it right away for some scrumptious goodies that everyone will love.

4. Popsicles

Popsicles are the best treat after a long summer day of beach and pool. These frozen treats will be a good relief from the summer heat. They are easy to make and only need your creativity and some popsicle molds.

5. Cake pops

Similar to cakes, cake pops are a delicious snack for everyone. They are simple to make and can be found in many flavors. These treats are fun to snack on and a great gift if you want to give someone a sweet present.



6. Boba

Boba is a tasty treat that is good with any drink. Milk tea, smoothies, slushies, and ice cream all taste good with some brown sugar boba. If you don't like the sweet brown sugar, you can pick crystal boba, which is less sweet but extremely tasty. And if you are not looking for those, you can still pick fruit boba, which is any fruit of your choice in the form of tasty boba. These can be found in local boba shops and they combine well with any drink. They are also simple to make and cook quickly.

7. Shaved Ice

Shaved ice is great for hot summer days when the sun is beating high in the sky. They go well with any flavoring syrup and they are an icy treat to battle against the hot sun.

8. Puffed Pastries

Puffed pastries are great for sweet tooths. All you need to do is simply buy puffed pastry dough and add your own personal preference. These can make a great treat with whipped cream or a sweet custard to add to the delicious flaky dough. These go great with berries, chocolate, cream, and fruits.

9. Berry Tarts

Berry tarts are a go-to if you enjoy berries; hence the name. These are quite simple to make and only require berries and sweet custard, once you have your dough. They can be only blueberries, raspberries, or blackberries, depending on the occasion or what you enjoy yourself. Whether you bake them or buy them, these are a tasty treat for all the berry lovers.

10. Bread

Bread is a great treat for anyone. Although the process is a little long and complicated, it is truly worth it once you finish making it. Bread is compatible with anything, whether it be meat, sauce, or jam. You can make sandwiches or toast, and eat it at any time. Bread is great for making lunch, or eating a snack.

11. Chocolate Covered Strawberries

These treats are classic and simple to make. It doesn't require a professional baker to make these and they are fun to enjoy. All you need is chocolate and strawberries and you can make these at any time. It could be dessert for your family, a snack to share with your friends, or just when you need some guilty pleasure from these tasty treats.



12. Crepes

Crepes are fun and easy to make. You can fill them with whipped cream, nutella, berries, or anything that you are craving at the moment. The recipe for this treat is quite simple and easy to make. These are delicious and will make a great breakfast or dessert.

How to Tell if Someone is Lying

By: Jadon R.

How can you tell if someone is lying? People always talk about body language and

how it can show signs of liars, but is this completely true? It might be harder to find liars than most people would think. It turns out that most people can't tell when someone is lying. Most parents can't tell when even

their own child lies to them. In order to figure out when someone is lying, there are three things you need to know. Why do people lie, how do people lie, and ways to expose liars.

Sometimes people lie because they feel insecure.



The lie that they tell is a way for them to establish control over a situation by creating the narrative the way they want. This could be to prevent their real feelings from showing. Usually people feel this way because of fear of rejection. For people with this insecurity it hurts more to be rejected when revealing their true selves rather than their lie. Lying could also be linked to a past of continuous lies. For example, a traumatic experience could create this environment where the person feels the need to lie in order to feel better. They create their own happy world, and lying to themselves and others becomes a natural occurrence. People may also lie for fear of letting someone down or to get away from a bad situation. If your parents asked if you broke the lamp and you lied, it would be because you did not wish to feel the pressure of that responsibility.

There are a few tricks that people use to lie better. The easiest way for them to get away with lying is to slightly change something. They don't create a huge story but

instead tell a slightly edited truth. People use this tactic to easily remember their story and it makes it more believable. It's also easier for a person to lie to you if they know you better. They would know what you would and would not believe and whether or not you would know the truth beforehand. If someone doesn't seem to be committed to the statement they made or change things when they repeat the statement, it usually means that it's not the truth.

So how can you expose a person's lie? A few things that could reveal a lie are when



someone is vague and doesn't offer many details, repeating questions asked before answering, and not being able to provide specific details when their story is being challenged. Body language is not always a certainty that a person is lying. Things like the eye movements when being questioned are not always linked to lying but rather when a person is thinking. If when telling a story the person acts like they don't care much or have an uncertain tone of voice, then it could be that they are lying.

Sometimes if they overthink what they want to say, it could also be a tell that what they are saying isn't all that true. One way to possibly catch someone in a lie is to ask them to tell the story in reverse. Lying takes a lot of mental power and concentration. The person telling the lie is too focused on keeping their facts straight and trying to remain calm and unsuspecting. This can cause them to have a few holes in their story or be easier to read when retelling it backwards.

Through these tips you can have an easier time figuring out if someone is lying. None of these things have a 100% chance of working, but they can help. Being able to know why people lie can help you figure out whether or not someone is lying. Knowing some ways people lie better and a few methods of exposing a lie can be very helpful in the long run. Always remember that even though someone may be lying, it doesn't mean that they are a bad person. You never know what that person might be feeling behind the scenes. Always take a person's feelings into consideration and try to understand their reason for lying.

Is *Minecraft* a Good Game?

By: Jack S.

Minecraft is a sandbox video game developed by Mojang and released on November 18, 2011. It has since become a global phenomenon. Should you buy it?

Minecraft is a game with simple mechanics based around survival. The point of the game is to survive. When you first start the game, you spawn at a random place with nothing around you except trees and grass. The key is to craft weapons and such to fight off dangerous mobs and gather food to survive. Not only is it a survival game, if you are in the mood for a more peaceful

gameplay and one where you don't get attacked by mobs, you can play the game in creative mode, which provides you with an unlimited



inventory and unlimited resources. Minecraft has gone through many updates to make the game even better. It is available on PC (which is the best way to play) and every other major game console such as PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch. It is even available to play on your phone (iPhone or Android). *Minecraft* even provides a marketplace where you can purchase and download new worlds, skins, and texture packs. *Minecraft* has become one of the most popular games of all time and is likely to stay at the top of the gaming charts for a long time to come.

With all that said, *Minecraft* is definitely one of the most popular games ever created. If you have been contemplating whether or not to get it, I absolutely think you should.