

# Be Kind Online!



In *Finally Heard* by Kelly Yang, when ten-year-old Lina Gao sees her mom's video on social media take off, she's captivated by the potential to be seen and heard. Maybe online she can finally find the confidence she craves. With the help of her two best friends and her little sister, Lina sets off to go viral. Except there's a lot more to social media than Lina ever imagined, like secret chats and confusing stories. As Lina descends deeper into social media, she needs to find the courage to be her authentic self.



**PART 1** Lina and her friends discover that social media has positives, but it also has negatives, including cyberbullying. Mr. Li, one of the adults in the community, shares his thoughts about social media and communicating online. He says: "I want a world in which we are kind to each other online, all the time. Where we think before we speak. Where we cheer each other on. Where we spread joy, not meanness."

How does Mr. Li's thought make you feel? Write three words that describe your feelings.

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Why do you think the author included this thought in the story?

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**PART 2** To help her friends see that it's cool to be kind online, Lina creates colorful posters about online kindness. They include short, exciting slogans like:

- Just be kind!
- Words matter! Kindness starts here!
- Let's make kindness go viral!

Now, it's your turn to create a poster that promotes online kindness, just as Lina did. Think of your own slogans or phrases about kindness that you could write on your poster. Write them below. Then on separate paper, design your poster.



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... **Grown-ups:** Check out *Finally Heard* by Kelly Yang to find out what happens to Lina.



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