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Cso you can, and you can interact with it from the app.

Q2 OK that's really cool. How do you find out about Cosmo?

C You find out, I like Cosmo mostly it's in the app and he can, as he gets older he'll learn English and be able to communicate with you.

Q2 So it kind of like evolves as you play with it and becomes more things?

C Yeah. Yeah so it's like the more you spend time with it the more it will get smarter and better and....

Q2 And where did you hear about it, did you hear it from like friends or like....

C I've mostly.....I played it from the internet because there's this channel called My Friend Cosmo and it shows what it's like to have the Cosmo and how to interact with it and what you're supposed to do to keep it happy.

Q2 That's really cool. And where did you come across it, like that channel?

C It was....because I don't watch many different channels, I watch the ones that I think is good, and the app that I used to have on my old iPad it has like a recommendation section. So like based on the different channels you watch it's got a recommendation selection so like you can choose....you can watch anything you want but it's like got a little recommended section, so like you can watch that and see if you like it.

Q2 Oh, and it came up in there in that recommended section?

C Yeah.

Q2 And what makes you want Cosmo?

C It's just it looks really fun to do and it's something that will keep you busy.

Q2 And what do you like about the idea, because you've mentioned the idea that he learns things like from interacting with you. So what about that do you like?

C It's just you can interact with it. It's like a little person that you can play with and do stuff with. Because he has his own games, you can play games from the app. And he can discover loads of different things.

Q2 Oh wow. So do you like the fact that it connects to the app as well?

C I do like the fact that it connects to an app so you can interact with it off the app and you can earn different things on the app. And sometimes you can exchange the things that you earn for money and buy your Cosmo things.

Q2 Oh OK, what kind of things can you buy it?

C Like if you....and I think it's £1 every 10 prizes you get and you can buy just different treads and different gates for Cosmo.

Q2 That sounds really cool. And can you like talk to Cosmo?

C You can talk to him and he will update by himself but the only thing you can buy it, so you're not missing out on anything by not updating him because he will update himself, but there's just special little updates that you have to buy. Like he has like....I don't know.

Q2 Do they like make him look different, because you mentioned like different treads or...

C Yeah, and like you can buy the different treads, because you can actually take the treads off and put new ones on.

Q2 Oh so can you make Cosmo look different as well, like the actual toy of Cosmo?

C Yeah. And you can buy like accessories for him.

Q2 That sounds really cool. And what do you like about the idea that you can buy accessories, do you like that or....

C Yeah, it's just so you can make him your Cosmo.

Q2 Aha, so it's making him more personal to you and no-one else will necessarily have that one.

C Yeah. Like on TT Rock Stars you can make your own avatar and that makes it special for you so everyone's not got the same avatar, it's ???

Q2 Like the same on RoBlox and....is it Charanga, the music one? Like you can make your own avatars on there as well.

C Yeah to make it personal to you.

Q2 And do you think that's quite important that you can make it personal to you?

C It's not very important, it's just nice that you can....that it's not the same as everybody else.

Q2 And do you think you're more likely to play something if you can like customise the avatar and things like that?

C Yeah, I like stuff like that.

Q2 What do you like about that?

C It's just no-one looks the same, you all have different stuff. Most stuff, like on RoBlox, nothing costs any money....

Q2 Is it all free?

C Not all of it, but not much of it costs you money, you can buy Robucks off the app and there's like a free section and a Robucks section that you just buy different things from.

Q2 I see. And have you ever bought like Robucks?

C Not yet. I think I will eventually save up for some and buy some.

Q2 And is there anything that you want to buy in it or....

C Not in particular.

Q2 You just think it will be cool?

C Yeah it will be cool to have something that you can spend.

Q2 Yeah. Oh that's really cool, that's awesome. And do you think you get bored when you're playing at all?

C Not really because there's different things that you do in the app, it's not just you have to do this one thing before you can move on, you can do loads and loads of different things.

Q2 There seem to be lots of games in it, like lots of different games to play. Do you think that keeps it exciting?

C Yeah, and as your avatar....as you spend more time on it and your avatar gets older you unlock more games.

Q2 Oh, so the more time you spend playing the more games you can unlock?

C Yeah. You still start with like 150 games, and I think there's up to 2,000, and as the character gets older, like I think it's every year, you unlock 150 more games.

Q2 Oh wow, that's a lot of games. So it doesn't really end really in a way?

C No.

Q2 That's really cool.

C Because they're making new games every day and thinking of new ideas every day.

Q2 And do you think that they keep releasing new things, is that....

C Yeah that's what they do. Like they're adding new ??? and making new things.

Q2 OK that's really cool. And when you're playing generally do you think you get bored?

C Not normally, because like if you're getting bored on one game and you're getting tired of it and you don't want to play any more, on RoBlox you can just pick another game.

Q2 And what about when you're playing with like other toys things like that, do you tend to get bored or....

C Not with other toys. Like it's good to have a variety. For example if you're getting bored playing with the kitchen then you could like dress up with the dressing up boxes.

Q2 Are those the dressing up boxes over there?

C Yeah.

Q2 And so if you find yourself getting bored you can switch to something else.

C Yeah.

Q2 And why do you think you get bored sometimes when you're playing with certain things?

C It's just if you play with it too often and you do it over and over again and you're getting tired of doing it over and over again.

Q2 Yeah, does it just become that you've done it before type of thing?

C Yeah, so it's good to have a variety.

Q2 Yeah I think that's quite important. That's really cool. And if you were going to choose a favourite app or a favourite game to play, what would be your favourite?

C I think my favourite app is....I'm not sure. I think all....I really like all my apps, that's why I downloaded them, because I'm not just downloading it for the sake of it, it's because I actually want it.

Q2 Yeah and you want to play it, yeah. So were the ones that you said you wanted to show me, would you say that they're some of your favourites, or like the ones that you play most?

C Yeah. Most of my favourites are on my front page, because some of the apps just come with the iPad like Settings and Photos.

Q2 Have you used Photos at all, or not really?

C I do use Photos sometimes if I just....so sometimes if there's nothing else I want to do, I just want to take something, or if I need to take a photo of something so I can remember it.

Q2 Yes. So do you take photographs like using your tablet?

C Yeah.

Q2 That's really good. Do you ever do videos or anything like that?

C Sometimes I do videos, but my mum said don't do videos too often or you'll use up too much data.

Q2 Ah, so like your memory will be full.

C Yeah.

Q2 And when you do do videos what do you make videos of?

C I just make videos....sometimes I make reminders, but sometimes I just do it to entertain me.

Q2 And what kind of things, or what do you do to entertain you?

C Sometimes I walk around the house, because eventually I will move out, I will move houses, and I'll keep a little video and that will have like this house in it, because this is still my first house.

Q2 Yeah, that's really nice, so it's kind of like a memory keeping thing.

C Yeah.

Q2 And have you see that done before in other places?

C Not really, I just thought I might want to keep it as a memory of how the house is right now.

Q2 Yeah. And like do you play any video games at all, or is RoBlox a video game, I'm not sure?

C Not really. I think the only video game I've really played is Sonic.

Q2 Aha, and what do you play Sonic on?

C I play Sonic on the TV, we have a controller behind the TV.

Q2 I remember you telling me about that. How often do you play it?

C Not very often, it's just something to do.

Q2 Yeah. And when you do play it who do you play it with?

C Normally we all gather downstairs and we have a 'who can survive the longest'.

Q2 Oh so do you all play it together, like you, your mum and your dad and Saskia?

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh that's really nice, it's like all of you together playing it?

C Yeah.

Q2 That's really cool. And is it kind of like an event then when you do it?

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh that's really cool. And what do you like about Sonic?

C It's just different activities to get through and different rings to help you survive. And there's monsters that can take stuff off you.

Q2 Is it a bit of a challenge?

C Sometimes. Most of the levels are challenging apart from the first two or three because you've played them loads of times before.

Q2 Ah OK, so like the further you get in the game the more challenging it gets?

C Yes.

Q2 Oh that's really cool. And do you like Sonic – or how do you feel about it?

C I do like it, I think it's really good.

Q2 Yeah. And what do you think is good about it?

C It's just another thing to help you entertain yourself. It's like you have loads and loads of things to help you entertain, so it's not just electronics like your TV and your computer, you can come upstairs and do something up here, or you can go in the kitchen and play with LEGO. And there's just loads to do.

Q2 And do you like having that variety, that choice of things to do?

C Yeah.

Q2 And what do you think is your favourite thing to play with if you had to choose one, or would you not be able to choose one?

C I'm not sure if I'd be able to choose because there's loads and loads of things that you play with, there's not necessarily...I don't really have a favourite.

Q2 There's not something that you prefer to play with?

C No not really.

Q2 That's fine. And do you like playing with your friends at all?

C Well certain games I can play with my friends and I can add friends on games.

Q2 Is that like RoBlox?

C Yeah. Like there's a couple of different games. I can't remember anything else though.

Q2 That's fine. And what do you like to play with your friends, like not just ??? it can be anything.

C Sometimes I'll play....because I play with one of my cousins and I play this game called High ??? Jump. I used to play it on my old tablet and I got to level 2,000 and something.

Q2 Wow, you must be really good at that game. And what did you have to do on it?

C So there was different blocks and different levels, and to drop down you had to get to like the opening point, but you can't touch a certain colour.

Q2 Oh OK, that's cool, that's really cool. And what did you like about it?

C I just like....you just....it's like you've got....I just like that you can use your fingers for it.

Q2 Aha, and so like a touch screen game?

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh OK cool. And do you like it when games are like touch screen?

C Yeah, like that you don't have to use a mouse or the keyboard to play it, you can just touch the screen.

Q2 And why do you like the touch screen instead of like the mouse or keyboard?

C Yeah it's just a lot easier to play.

Q2 Yeah. Is it just easier to access and easier to do and control?

C Yeah. Because I'm not that good at typing, I can't really type yet.

Q2 Is that like on a keyboard?

C Yeah.

Q2 So do you ever type on your tablet at all?

C I do have a keyboard that goes with my tablet but I can just get one up on the screen if I want to.

Q2 Is that what you usually do, like use one that's on the screen rather than a....

C Yeah. If I do need the keyboard that comes with it, if the one on the screen's like blocking something that I need to see, then I'll have to use the proper keyboard. That's basically like what they mean it for. Because it's got like magnets to attach it.

Q2 Yeah, and is that how it works, like with magnets?

C Yeah.

Q2 And so do you ever use like the voice feature where you can like....or does your tablet have a voice feature where you can like search for things using the voice, or type things using the voice?

C It does have OK Google.

Q2 OK cool, so is that what you....do you ever use OK Google or do you tend to type on your screen?

C I normally use OK Google when I need something quick, but normally when I'm just sat downstairs I'll type it in.

Q2 Oh that's really cool. And do you prefer to type it then rather than....

C Yeah.

Q2 And why do you prefer to type it do you think?

C I just think it's another thing...because I like doing stuff with my fingers, and it's just....because I like fiddly things. Because normally my fingers are already doing something.

Q2 Yeah, do you like to keep your hands busy?

C Yeah.

Q2 Is that one of the things that squishies are good for?

C Yeah. Squishies are used for like something fiddly or just to help you calm down.

Q2 And have you used them for those things?

C Yeah.

Q2 And what's your favourite thing about Squishies?

C It's just they help you relax, that's what they're made for, to try and....they were made to try and help you relax, like if you're stressed about something you can get one of those and it does help you relax.

Q2 Yeah. And so like if you feel like stressed or worried about anything will you go and get one and....

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh that's really cool, that's awesome. And have friends ever introduced you to anything, like a new game, a new toy, or a new bit of technology or anything?

C I think the only thing some of my friends have introduced me to is like the RoBlox game and YouTube.

Q2 Oh did you get introduced to YouTube through your friends as well?

C Yeah.

Q2 So is it just like talking at school or....

C Yeah.

Q2 And do they ever tell you like...or suggest that you watch a certain channel or a certain video?

C Some of my friends do. Most them they like different games, because most people they watch different things and they have different personalities, they watch different things.

Q2 Yeah, and so do you not like share a lot of videos with each other because you're all into different things?

C Not too many. And like when it is you've just been....if you're getting your first tablet or first phone or something they'll recommend some channels to you or something that they might like.

Q2 Oh OK, so like when you've got like a new device they'll recommend some things to get you started on it?

C Yeah.

Q2 Oh that's really good. Have you done that for some of your friends as well, like recommended things?

C Yeah.

Q2 What kind of things have you recommended, can you remember?

C I have recommended a couple of channels on YouTube, and I can't remember any of them though.

Q2 That's OK. Maybe next time, because I think we're going to have to go quite soon, but maybe next time after the play tour where we can see like everything that you've got to play with, you could show me some of the things that you like to watch on YouTube. Would that be alright?

C Mmm.