

# All about Skype



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## What is Skype?



Skype is like a telephone for your computer. It uses the internet to make calls. With Skype you can chat for free to other people who have Skype.

You can:



- Video call people for free. This means you will be able to see the person you are speaking to. And they will see you



- Make a group call.



- Send messages. This is like sending a text message on a mobile phone.

## Good things about Skype



- Chat to people face to face. You can video call any other person who has Skype for free.



- Its accessible Skype video calling is good for people who are deaf or who have problems with hearing. You can video call other people who lip read or use BSL – British Sign Language.



- Group chats. You can speak to more than one person at the same time. If you have important news this is a good way to tell a lot of people at the same time.



- **It's free Skype is free!** You can talk to anyone, anywhere in the world, for free. As long as they have Skype and the internet.

# Downloading and Setting up Skype



- Go to <https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/> and click Download Skype. Then follow the instructions. You may need to ask someone for help with this.



- Sign up to Skype by making a new account. If you have a Microsoft account **you don't need to create a new account** for Skype - you can sign in by using your Microsoft account. You can also sign in with your Facebook account.



- To find people you know write their name in the 'search' box



- Start chatting! Click on the person you want to talk to then click on the symbol for video call or call.



- You can also send them a message. Just start typing in the message box and press enter on your keyboard.