



## What do I need to know about Reddit?

Reddit is a News, Content Rating and Forum website & app all mixed into one. You find registered users posting in forums, discussing real life events, some of this can be humorous, some serious and some posts are 18+ in their content. This is much more popular as children get older with 37% of Year 11's using it to some degree in our recent survey.



430 Million  
monthly active  
users

Release  
date: 2005

Revenue model:  
Fully Funded

Heavily  
moderated  
main forum

Available on  
most consoles,  
devices and  
as a website.

7th Most  
popular  
website in  
America  
Feb 21

13+

Reddit has an age restriction of 13+ in line with laws in the USA. Of course, there is no age verification process so these details can be faked easily.



Reporting within Reddit is relatively easy, you can report messages, comments, users, posts, and live streams with ease. On top of this, the moderation is noticeable within the platform, which is better than a lot of other platforms.



## Positive Points

1. Reddit has a diverse audience with over 100 million different communities within allowing you to find what you like, and others that like the same.
2. The ability of free speech and expression within the app can be empowering for users.
3. There is a thumbs up / thumbs down voting system for every post and comment which identifies problems.



## Negative Points

1. 18+ content can be shared on forums within Reddit such as nudes, violent content and more.
2. The platform is moderated, but there are still comments within that would be considered bullying / hate by most.
3. On the flip side of the positive feature of free speech, it is important to talk to your children about the potential consequences of this from some users and how to handle them.



### Parent Opinion: (of a 15 year old)

It's a great site - but not one that young children should be dropped into. I am concerned about its use even by my own 15-year-old, as the frank discussions on drugs and crime (not to mention all the pornography) might be too much for his still-maturing brain to process healthily.

**"You cannot put a price on the value of open and honest communication within the home."**