



Pico's Not So Sparkly Friend.

Pico has a new bestie! TwinkleSun92 sends him sparkly hearts, calls him 'the nicest person ever,' and promises to build a fort with him. It feels great to be liked... until she asks for a favour.

When a 'friendship' starts costing real money, is it really friendship at all? Luno grabs his Truth Detector to find out!

Pico beamed at his screen



Guys! You won't believe this! I made a new online friend. TwinkleSun92! She says I'm the nicest person ever and we're totally besties!



Moxo scooted over to Pico



Pico... you've known her for ten days and have no idea what she looks like.



Haha thanks! I'm still figuring it out.

You remind me of my best friend. We used to play together all the time ♡
I'm really glad I met you on here 🙌
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Message

She sent sparkly hearts!

DIY BED BUILDER



And A DIY builder game!

Luno zoomed in wearing an cape that said:



Truth Detector

Let me guess.... you've never heard her real voice or seen her before, but she has asked you for a tiny favour already?



Pico nodded:

She needs £10 so she can buy a glitter mattress on DIY DEN builder!



Moxo's eyes narrowed

Pico.... TwinkleSun92 sounds fake, and people you've just met should not be asking you for favours or money!



Luno whipped out:

Friend or Fake?

- Do they say really big feelings really fast?
- Do they refuse to video chat or meet up?
- Do they ask for money, even just a little?
- Do their stories feel dramatic or keep changing?

What just happened?



- Pico trusted someone he didn't know
- The person seemed super friendly, too friendly
- They asked for money and kept making excuses

Moxo held up another sign



Pico slumped

I guess I got tricked... I just wanted to help.



That's ok, they are called scammers and they can be very clever. But when you talk to your real friends and family about new online friends you are being more clever.



Luno said

Moxo gave Pico a sticker that said:

Real friends don't need secrets... or gift cards

No more secret chats. Just real friends... and maybe a pillow fort!

