

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Choose YouTube controls for a child

YouTube Kids and supervised YouTube experiences have different controls. No filter guarantees that every video suits your child. Choose the experience deliberately, watch together when possible and keep a simple route for reporting anything upsetting.

Phone or tablet | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ Have your parent account and the official app ready.
- ☐ Review current age, account and regional requirements for the selected experience.

1. Choose the viewing experience

Decide between a YouTube Kids profile and an available supervised experience. Check the official help for what each permits; ordinary unrestricted YouTube is a different environment.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Open the parental settings

In YouTube Kids, open Settings, complete the parent check and select the child's profile. Enter the parent password when asked. Keep the parent controls secured.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Select how content is chosen

Use Edit Settings to select the appropriate content setting. Where available, Approve content yourself lets you choose videos, channels or collections and removes the child's search option.

☐ Done this step

4. Review extra controls

Check search, autoplay and viewing-time options supported by your setup. Turning off search alone does not guarantee appropriate content. Preview the child's experience rather than relying on setting names.

☐ Done this step

5. Watch and adjust together

Try a short viewing session. Show the child how to stop and tell an adult. Block or report unwanted videos and review settings as their interests and account arrangements change.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Preview the child's profile and approve a small selection together.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Can YouTube Kids show something I would not choose?

Yes. Google says its filters are not perfect. Parent-selected content and ongoing supervision help, but still review the experience and respond to concerns.

Official help and the online guide

Google YouTube Kids parental controls - <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en>

Google YouTube Kids filtering limits - <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172307?hl=en>

Read online: <https://plaintech-guides.pages.dev/guides/choose-youtube-controls-for-a-child/>