

What is Skype?



Hi, I'm Heather.

Let's explore Skype with Lola. Lola has recently moved from Cleveland, Ohio to Orlando, Florida. She plans on keeping in touch with her family and friends through email and telephone calls. She was slightly confused when one of her friends told her to Skype her sometime. Lola had decided she wants to find out what Skype was all about.



She fired up her computer and entered “skype” into the search engine. She found out that Skype is a free video conferencing service. It will allow her to call her friends and family through the Internet. As long as both her and the person she is calling have Internet access and a computer that has a webcam and microphone, they will be able to see and hear each other when they talk.



Skype not only allows you to see the other person you are talking to, you can instant message them and share your computer screen with them too. There are other features that Skype offers, such as making calls to mobile and land lines or even sending a text message. Be aware, though, there is a charge to use these other features.



But if all you want to do is make a video call, it is free. All you need is an email address to get started.