How to use Instagram

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What is Instagram?

An app for your mobile phone that allows you to snap and share photos with family and friends. You take a picture, use filters to change the look and then connect and share with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Flickr, Foursquare, and email.

What is an app?

App is short for "application." In general, it is a special type of software program that you use online or on mobile devices.

How do I sign up?

1. Download the Instagram app in the App Store on an iOS device (iPhone, iPod, iPad) or in Google Play for an Android device.
2. After installing the app, open it on your device.
3. Tap the 'Sign up' button (bottom left of the screen) to begin the account creation process.

What are the basics of privacy?

Instagram defaults to a public setting. That means if you do not change the privacy settings all of your photos are visible to anyone using Instagram on their phone or the website at instagram.com. If you choose to make your account private, you can approve who follows you and only the people who follow you will be able to see your photos. Note: If you share your photo on Facebook, anyone with the link can access it even if you have your security settings to private.

Anything else I should know?

It is always good to learn more about any site or application so you know the ins and outs. The Instagram website is limited, but you can do a Google search on [Instragram basics] and find all sorts of useful information. For example, if you block a user from accessing your profile and pictures, the blocked person will not be notified.

Hashtags and comments are commonly used in Instagram. As a parent, that's good to know. Don't know what a hashtag is? Google it!