

**VO = Voice-over**

**GY = Ginsu Yoon**

**MM = Matt Martin**

**VO:** Have you ever dreamt of reinventing yourself as a completely different person? Well, I've done it. This is me inside a virtual world called Second Life. It's a place full of strange islands and towns and buildings created by people who live here. And the rules are: there are no rules. Once you've created an account, which you do for free, you create an avatar, which is basically a digital version of yourself. The fun starts choosing your new body, or avatar. There's something for all tastes. You can be female, male, or even something called a 'Furry' – half animal, half human.

**GY:** You can edit your appearance to look however you want. You can look tall or short or fat or skinny. It turns out that there are not a lot of unattractive people in Second Life.

**VO:** You can easily alter your face and get a hair-do. I could look like Brad Pitt or even Les Dawson if I wanted. You could be whatever colour you want, and can tweak your features – big ears, big nose, or anything else you feel like making bigger. Finally you pick an outfit. Not really me. In the end I just went for a spiky-haired, suit-wearing disco dancer. No change there. My avatar can explore Second Life by walking around. But it's more fun flying and with maps I can find almost anything I want.

**MM:** Second Life is all about creating your own on-line personality and socialising: whether that's with big groups, small groups. It's going to online concerts, going into online stores and trying on shoes, it's dressing up.

# speakout

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- V:** Second Life claims to have over three million individual residents from all over the world living there. You can go up to anyone and chat. This avatar's owner is in Germany, and these two are from India.

