

Kit's Clever Guide to Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To understand the importance of online safety, including keeping personal information private and knowing who to talk to if something feels wrong.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences.

Kit the fox loves using the internet to learn about new coding puzzles. However, Kit knows that being online is just like being in the real world; you have to stay alert. Kit always remembers the 'Golden Rule': never share personal information with anyone you do not know. This includes your full name, your home address, your school's name, or your private passwords.

Sometimes, people you meet online might not be who they say they are. If someone sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable, sad, or worried, you should never reply. Instead, Kit suggests closing the device and finding a trusted adult immediately, such as a parent, carer, or teacher. A trusted adult will always be happy to help you sort out any problems. It is also important to remember that not everything you see on a screen is true. By thinking carefully and keeping your personal details secret, you can enjoy exploring the digital world while staying safe and happy. If you are ever unsure about a website or a game, always ask an adult before clicking anything new.

Word bank: private · password · stranger · trusted adult · internet · profile

1. According to the text, what are four examples of personal information you should never share online? (2 marks)

2. What should you do if you receive an online message that makes you feel worried or uncomfortable? (2 marks)

3. Why does Kit suggest that being online is like being in the 'real world'? (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to ask a trusted adult before clicking on a new website or game? (2 marks)

**5. Do you think it is easy to tell if someone online is telling the truth about who they are?
Explain your answer. (2 marks)**

Draw: Draw a picture of Kit the fox holding a sign that lists three 'Golden Rules' for staying safe while using a tablet or computer.



Extension challenge: Create a colourful poster for your classroom that reminds students what to do if they see something online that makes them feel upset.