

Kit's Guide to Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To understand the importance of cybersecurity and how to protect personal information online.

Use the following writing frame to create a guide for other students about how to stay safe when using the internet. Think about what Kit the Fox would advise when faced with an online puzzle or a strange message.

Using the internet is like exploring a vast, digital forest, but just like in the real world, you must know how to keep yourself safe.

Word bank: cybersecurity · private information · password · secure · digital footprint · consequently · furthermore · however · for instance · in addition

1. What is meant by 'private information' and why is it important not to share it with people you do not know? Start your answer by saying: 'Private information includes details such as...' (2 marks)

2. Explain how to create a strong, secure password that would be difficult for someone else to guess. You could write: 'To make a password secure, I should include...' (2 marks)

3. What should you do if you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable or worried? Write: 'If I ever feel worried about something I see online, the first thing I should do is...' (2 marks)

4. Why do we have 'digital footprints' and how can we make sure ours are positive? Explain by saying: 'A digital footprint is created when...' (2 marks)

5. Summarise why cybersecurity is important for everyone. Write: 'In conclusion, being careful online is essential because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a 'Cyber-Safety Shield' badge. Write a short slogan to go on the badge that reminds children to think before they click.