

Kit's Digital Detective Challenge: Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To identify potential online risks, understand the importance of keeping personal information private, and demonstrate how to respond to suspicious digital interactions.

Read each scenario carefully. Use your knowledge of e-safety to help Kit the Fox decide the safest course of action. Remember: think before you click, share, or type!

Word bank: Password · Privacy · Cyberbullying · Report · Personal information · Digital footprint · Trusted adult · Secure

1. Kit receives a message from an unknown user asking for the name of his school and his home address so they can send him a 'gift'. Explain why this is dangerous and what Kit should do immediately. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast a 'secure' password with a 'weak' password. Why is it important that passwords remain private? (3 marks)

3. You are playing an online game and another player starts sending unkind messages. Justify why you should use the 'block' and 'report' features instead of replying to them. (3 marks)

4. What might happen if you upload a photograph of yourself wearing your school uniform to a public forum? Consider the long-term impact on your digital footprint. (3 marks)

5. If you are unsure if a website or a game is safe to use, who should you consult and why is their guidance valuable? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Digital Safety Shield'. Inside the shield, illustrate three icons representing the most important rules for staying safe online (e.g., a padlock for passwords, a speech bubble for reporting, and a person for talking to an adult).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a new social media app for children. Create a 'Safety Manifesto' consisting of five golden rules that every user must agree to before they can start an account. Explain why each rule is essential for maintaining a positive and secure online community.