

Kit's Digital Detective Mission: Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To identify potential online risks and justify strategies for staying safe, including understanding the importance of privacy and respectful communication.

Kit the Fox has found a series of digital messages and scenarios that need investigating. For each scenario below, decide if it is a 'Safe Action' or a 'Risky Action'. For the 'Risky Actions', you must provide a justification for why it could be dangerous and suggest a safer alternative to protect your personal information.

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

1. Scenario 1: Someone you don't know in real life sends you a message asking for the name of your school and your home address. Is this safe? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

2. Scenario 2: You are playing an online game and someone starts using unkind words towards you. What is the most effective way to handle this situation, and why? (2 marks)

3. Scenario 3: You want to share a photo of your holiday on a public forum. Explain why it is important to check your privacy settings before posting. (2 marks)

4. Scenario 4: A website asks you to create an account and requests your full name, date of birth, and home phone number. Compare why this is risky compared to using a nickname. (2 marks)

5. Scenario 5: You accidentally click on a pop-up link that offers you a free gift card for £50 if you enter your email address. What might happen if you proceed, and what should you do instead? (2 marks)

6. Scenario 6: Justify why it is vital to keep your passwords private, even from your best friends at school. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Digital Shield' poster that Kit the Fox can display in the computer suite. Include three golden rules for staying safe online inside the shield.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a new social media app for children. Write a paragraph explaining what specific safety features you would include to ensure users are protected from strangers and unkind behaviour. Justify why these features are essential for a safe digital environment.