

Year 5 Computing: Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: To identify risks online, understand the importance of privacy, and recognise how to respond to inappropriate content.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of digital safety to provide clear, thoughtful answers. Write in full sentences where required.

Kit the fox is busy setting up a new gaming account. Kit knows that the internet is a fantastic place to learn and play, but Kit also knows that there are rules to keep everyone safe. Before starting, Kit makes sure the privacy settings are turned on and chooses a strong password that is hard for others to guess. Kit remembers that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried, the best thing to do is tell a trusted adult immediately.

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

1. Why is it important to never share 'personal information' online? Give two examples of what counts as personal information. (2 marks)

2. Kit chooses a strong password. What makes a password 'strong' and why should you never share it with a friend? (3 marks)

3. What is a 'digital footprint' and why is it important to think before you post or share something online? (4 marks)

4. If you receive a message from someone you do not know, or if you see something online that makes you feel sad or uncomfortable, what are the three steps you should take? (3 marks)

5. Explain what 'cyberbullying' is and suggest one way a person can take action if they see it happening to someone else. (3 marks)

6. Extended Task: You are designing a poster for the school library titled 'The Internet Safety Code'. Write a short guide (5 sentences) explaining to younger pupils how to stay safe online, including how to handle online strangers and how to protect their privacy. (5 marks)

7. Why are 'privacy settings' on apps and websites useful for keeping your information safe? (2 marks)

8. True or False: If you delete a photo online, it is gone forever and no one can ever see it again. Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Safety Shield' icon. Inside the shield, draw three symbols representing rules for staying safe online (for example: a lock for passwords, a speech bubble for talking to an adult, and a magnifying glass for checking facts).



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Think about the apps you use at home. How could you check your own privacy settings today to ensure you are as safe as possible?