

Staying Safe in the Digital World with Kit

Learning objective: To understand the importance of online safety, privacy, and how to respond to uncomfortable situations online.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Ensure you use evidence from the text to support your answers.

Kit the fox is a whizz at computing, but even he knows that the internet can be tricky. When Kit plays online games or chats with friends, he always remembers his 'Online Safety Code'. First, Kit never shares his personal information, such as his home address, full name, or the name of his school. He knows that once something is posted online, it leaves a digital footprint that is hard to erase.

Kit also uses strong, private passwords and keeps his privacy settings set to the highest level. 'If something feels strange, or if someone says something unkind, I don't reply,' Kit explains. Instead, he follows the Golden Rule: stop, close the screen, and tell a trusted adult immediately. Whether it is a parent, a teacher, or a guardian, telling someone helps to keep the digital world a friendly place. Being online is a fantastic way to learn and explore, but keeping your personal details secret is the smartest way to stay in control of your own adventure.

Word bank: digital footprint · privacy settings · cyberbullying · trusted adult · personal information · secure

1. According to the passage, what three pieces of personal information should you never share online? (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What does Kit mean when he talks about a 'digital footprint'? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why does Kit suggest closing the screen instead of replying to someone who is being unkind? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, why is it important to talk to a trusted adult if you feel uncomfortable online? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is possible to be completely safe while using the internet? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster featuring Kit the fox showing three clear 'Golden Rules' for staying safe online.



Extension challenge: Create a checklist of five things you should check on your device's settings to ensure your privacy is protected.