

Kit's Guide to Being a Digital Detective

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

Use this writing frame to create your own 'Internet Safety Manifesto'. Follow the prompts to explain how to stay secure, kind, and smart when using the internet.

The internet is a vast, magical library of information, but just like exploring a forest, we must have the right tools to stay safe.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · private · digital footprint · secure · inappropriate · reliable · on the other hand · nevertheless · password · cyberbullying

1. The Golden Rule: Why is it vital to keep personal information private? Start your paragraph with: Protecting your personal data is essential because... (2 marks)

2. Strong Passwords: Explain why a complex password is like a secret key. Start your paragraph with: A secure password should be unique and complex to ensure that... (2 marks)

3. Digital Citizenship: How should we treat others online? Start your paragraph with: Kindness is just as important online as it is in the playground; therefore, we must... (2 marks)

4. The Digital Footprint: Explain what happens to the things we mail. Start your paragraph with: Every comment or image we share creates a digital footprint, which means... (2 marks)

5. Reporting Concerns: What should you do if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable? Start your paragraph with: If I ever encounter content that is confusing or upsetting, the first step I must take is... (2 marks)

6. Justification: Why might someone argue that the internet is a 'double-edged sword'? Compare the benefits of learning online with the risks of staying safe. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a new app for children. Write a 'Safety Policy' section for your app's homepage. Justify why your chosen safety features are the most effective way to protect users. What might happen if your safety features were removed?