

Kit's Digital Detective Challenge: Navigating the Online World

Learning objective: To identify, evaluate, and justify safe behaviors when interacting with digital devices and online platforms.

Kit the fox has created a 'Digital Detective' sorting activity. Below are several scenarios involving online interactions. Decide whether each action is 'Safe and Secure' or 'Risky and Requires Caution'. For every 'Risky' choice, you must use your detective skills to explain how to change the situation to keep yourself safe.

Word bank: Privacy settings · Cyberbullying · Personal information · Trusted adult · Digital footprint · Strong password · Block and report · Phishing

1. A pop-up message appears on your screen promising you a free prize if you click the link and enter your home address. How should you respond and why? (2 marks)

2. You are playing an online game and another player starts sending unkind messages. Justify why you should not reply and explain the steps you should take instead. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast sharing a photo with a close friend in person versus posting it to a public social media profile. Which is safer and why? (2 marks)

4. Explain why it is important to choose a password that is complex and unique, rather than using your name or birth date. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if you accidentally share your real-life location or school name while chatting online with someone you don't know? (2 marks)

6. If you feel worried or confused by something you have seen online, who should you speak to and how would you start that conversation? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Digital Safety Shield' for Kit the fox. Inside the shield, draw three symbols that represent rules for staying safe online (e.g., a padlock for passwords, a speech bubble for talking to an adult, and a stop sign for ignoring strangers).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an online safety advisor. Write a short, persuasive 'Digital Charter' consisting of five golden rules for your classmates. Justify why each rule is essential for maintaining a positive and secure online community.