

Kit's Digital Detective Guide

Learning objective: To understand how to stay safe, kind, and responsible when communicating online.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences. Think carefully about how you interact with others in a digital space.

Kit the fox is an expert at navigating the digital forest. Whether using a tablet for schoolwork or playing educational games, Kit knows that being online requires the same kindness as playing in the park. Kit always uses a strong, private password and never shares personal information, such as home addresses or full names, with people met online. 'The internet is a vast, wonderful place to learn,' says Kit, 'but your digital footprint lasts forever.' When Kit encounters someone being unkind or receives a message that feels strange, Kit immediately tells a trusted adult. Being cyber-secure means being alert. Kit reminds friends that behind every screen is a real person with feelings. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, you shouldn't type it in a message. By keeping privacy settings high and reporting anything that makes you feel uncomfortable, you ensure your online journey remains fun and safe. Remember, if you are ever unsure about a website or a message, pause, step away from the screen, and ask a parent or teacher for help. Safety is the most important part of any adventure.

Word bank: digital footprint · privacy · cyberbullying · password · trusted adult · cyber-secure

1. According to the text, what two pieces of information should you never share with people you meet online? (2 marks)

2. What should you do if you receive a message that makes you feel strange or uncomfortable? (2 marks)

3. Why does Kit suggest that your 'digital footprint' is something you should be careful about? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'behind every screen is a real person with feelings' mean in the context of online behavior? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is easy to stay safe online? Justify your answer using examples from the text and your own knowledge. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Digital Safety Shield' that includes three symbols representing the rules Kit mentioned in the passage (for example, a shield for passwords or a speech bubble for kindness).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a new educational app for children. Write a short paragraph explaining three 'Golden Rules' you would include in your app to ensure that every user stays safe and happy while using it. Explain why each rule is essential.