

Kit's Digital Detective Agency: Navigating the Online World

Learning objective: To evaluate online scenarios and demonstrate an understanding of how to stay safe, identify potential risks, and manage digital footprints.

Kit the fox has received several 'digital alerts' from friends who aren't sure how to handle their online experiences. Read each scenario and decide whether the action taken is 'Safe' or 'Risky'. If it is Risky, provide a justified alternative action that protects the user's privacy and wellbeing.

Word bank: Digital footprint · Privacy settings · Cyberbullying · Personal data · Phishing · Password security · Trusted adult · Two-factor authentication

1. Scenario 1: Leo is playing an online game. A player he does not know asks for his home address to send him a 'prize'. Explain why this is a risk and what Leo should do next. (2 marks)

2. Scenario 2: Zara receives a message from someone online that makes her feel upset and uncomfortable. Compare and contrast the benefits of blocking the user versus replying to tell them they are being unkind. (2 marks)

3. Scenario 3: Nova wants to share a photo of her star-gazing telescope online. Justify why she should check her privacy settings before posting the image to a public forum. (2 marks)

4. Scenario 4: Max uses the same password for his gaming account, his school email, and his library login. What might happen if one of these accounts is compromised? Suggest a safer alternative. (2 marks)

5. Scenario 5: Explain why it is important to think about your 'digital footprint' before posting comments or photographs on social media platforms. (2 marks)

6. Scenario 6: If you see something online that looks suspicious or makes you feel worried, why is it essential to report it to a trusted adult rather than trying to fix it alone? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Digital Shield' design. Inside the shield, illustrate three key symbols representing how you protect your personal information (e.g., a padlock for passwords, a speech bubble for reporting, and a magnifying glass for checking facts).



Extension challenge: Design a 'Digital Passport' for a younger student. Create a list of five golden rules for online safety, written in persuasive language, to help them understand why protecting their identity is the most important part of being a digital citizen.