

Online Safety Assessment: Navigating the Digital World

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of digital footprint, online privacy, identifying risks, and positive online communication.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of digital citizenship and online safety to provide clear, thoughtful answers. Write in full sentences where requested.

Kit the fox is busy setting up a new profile for a science club. While creating the account, Kit is asked to provide a full name, home address, and a photograph. Kit pauses, remembering that the internet is a public space where information can stay forever. Kit decides to use a nickname instead and checks the privacy settings to ensure only invited friends can see the posts.

Word bank: Digital Footprint · Cyberbullying · Privacy Settings · Reliable · Personal Data · Stranger Danger · Reporting · Netiquette

1. Explain what is meant by the term 'Digital Footprint'. Why is it important to consider this before posting a comment online? (2 marks)

2. Kit chose to use a nickname instead of a real name. Identify two other pieces of 'personal data' that should never be shared online. (2 marks)

3. If you receive a message from someone you do not know that makes you feel uncomfortable, what are the three steps you should take immediately? (3 marks)

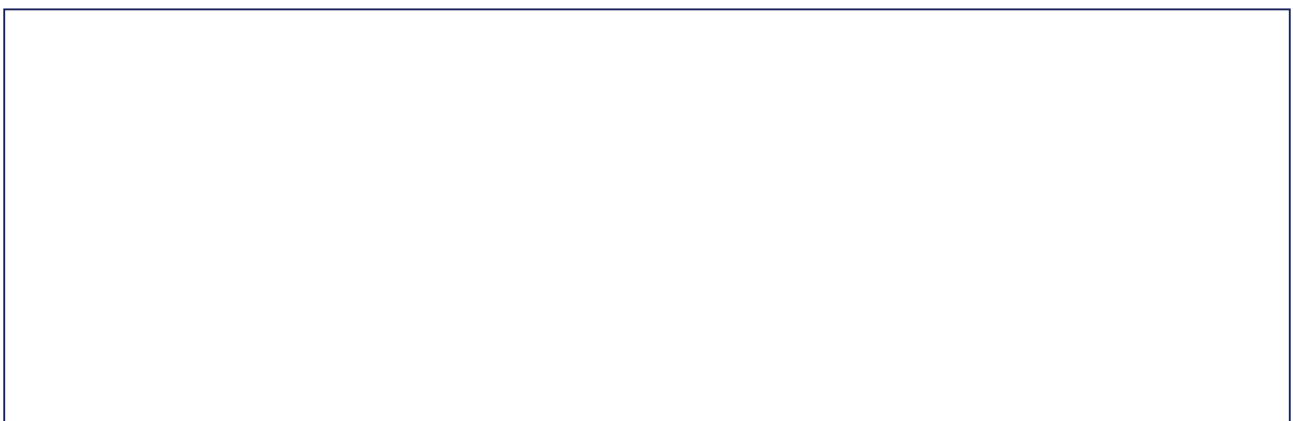
4. Define 'Netiquette'. Provide one example of how you can display positive netiquette when interacting with others in a group chat. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast 'fact' and 'opinion' in online articles. How can you decide if a website is a reliable source for your school research? (4 marks)

6. Justify why it is vital to keep your passwords private, even from your best friends. What might happen if a password were to be shared? (3 marks)

7. Imagine you see a friend posting unkind comments about someone else on a social platform. Write a persuasive paragraph explaining why this behaviour is harmful and what you would do to support the person being targeted. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster illustrating one 'Golden Rule' of online safety. Include a slogan that would encourage your peers to stay safe and kind in digital spaces.



Extension challenge: Consider the impact of the internet on global communication. Create a short guide for younger students explaining how they can be 'Digital Leaders' in their school. Total: /25