

Safety Heroes: The Decision-Making Challenge

Learning objective: To understand personal safety, identify potential risks, and develop strategies for making safe choices in various real-world scenarios.

Read the six scenarios below involving Leo the Lion and his friends. For each situation, you must act as a 'Safety Advisor'. First, circle whether the action taken is 'Safe' or 'Unsafe'. Then, use the word bank to help you write a brief justification for your decision. If you believe the choice is unsafe, provide a safer alternative strategy.

Word bank: trusted adult · digital footprint · private information · emergency services · peer pressure · boundaries · situational awareness · consent

1. Scenario 1: Max the monkey receives a message from an unknown person online asking for his home address and his favourite local park. He decides to share the info so they can meet up. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

2. Scenario 2: Kit the fox is walking home when he notices a stranger following him at a distance. Kit immediately moves to a busy shop and calls a trusted adult to collect him. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

3. Scenario 3: Zara the zebra is at the park. A group of older children tells her to climb a high fence that has a 'Danger' sign on it. She feels uncomfortable but climbs it anyway to fit in. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Explain the risks involved. (2 marks)

4. Scenario 4: Pip the caterpillar finds a lost wallet on the pavement containing £20 and an ID card. He decides to take it to the local police station. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Why is this the most responsible action? (2 marks)

5. Scenario 5: Nova the owl is playing a game online. A player asks for her password so they can give her 'free items' for her character. She gives it to them. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Compare this to how you protect your physical house keys. (2 marks)

6. Scenario 6: Ellie the elephant feels uneasy when a person she doesn't know very well asks her to keep a 'secret' from her parents. She chooses to tell her parents immediately. Is this Safe or Unsafe? Justify why secret-keeping can sometimes be a safety concern. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Safety Map' of your local area. Include at least three locations you would go to if you felt unsafe (e.g., a library, a shop with staff, or a friend's house) and label them with a gold star.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a 'Personal Safety Manifesto' for younger children. Create three 'Golden Rules' for staying safe in the digital world and three for the physical world. Justify why each rule is essential for maintaining personal well-being.