Becoming a Digital Defender: Your Cybersecurity Guide

Learning objective: I can explain how to keep personal information safe when using the internet.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Read this guide together and discuss why we should keep certain information private.

Use this scaffold to plan and write an informative guide for your peers. When explaining security, use clear, calm language. Example: 'To keep your account secure, you should use a strong, unique password that includes symbols and numbers.'

In our digital world, protecting your personal data is just as important as locking the front door of your house.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · essential · vulnerable · authentication · encryption · precautions · nevertheless

1. Introduction: Why is it important to stay safe online? Start by defining what 'personal data' means. (2 marks)

2. Password Protection: Explain the characteristics of a strong password. Why should you never share them with friends? (2 marks)

3. Identifying Risks: Describe one sign that a message or email might be a scam (e.g., 'phishing'). (2 marks)

4. Privacy Settings: How can you check if your social media or game profile is set to private? Why is this helpful? (3 marks)

5. Reporting Concerns: Who should a child talk to if they see something online that makes them feel worried or uncomfortable? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Cyber-Safety Checklist' with five bullet points that a Year 6 student can keep in their pencil case to remind them of safe online habits.



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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