Digital Detectives: Staying Safe Online

Learning objective: I can write a persuasive guide about how to stay safe and kind while using the internet.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Please read this guide together with your child to discuss their experiences online and how they handle tricky situations.

Use this frame to plan your advice guide. To succeed, use formal language and clear instructions. Example: Instead of saying 'Don't talk to strangers', use 'It is important to keep your personal information private by only interacting with known friends.'

In our modern world, the internet is a fantastic tool for learning and connecting with friends, but it must be used with caution.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · However · In addition · Protect · Responsible · Reliable · Digital footprint

1. Introduction: State the purpose of your guide. Start with: 'The purpose of this guide is to explain how children can navigate the internet safely and responsibly.' Why is this important? (2 marks)

2. Paragraph 2: Privacy. How should a user handle personal information like their address or school name? Use a modal verb (should, must, could). (2 marks)

3. Paragraph 3: Kindness and Conduct. Explain why being kind online matters. Include a relative clause describing a digital bully or a helpful friend. (2 marks)

4. Paragraph 4: Seeking Help. What steps should a child take if they feel uncomfortable or see something upsetting online? Give a reason for your advice. (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your main point using a cohesive device such as 'Ultimately' or 'In conclusion'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Digital Passport' badge that lists the three most important rules for staying safe online.



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