Digital Citizenship

Student Packet · Grades 3-5

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Talking Safely Online

You're ready to chat or talk with others online once you can check that each statement below is true.

☐ My parents say it's okay for me to chat and message online.

☐ I will only chat and message on kids' websites that have monitors (people who review what is being said).

☐ I will check in with a trusted adult before replying to, clicking on a link from, or IMing someone who is not a face-to-face friend.

☐ I will pick chat and messaging screen names that do not include private identity information.

☐ I know what kinds of information are private.

☐ I will not give out private information when talking online.

☐ I will not answer questions that make me uncomfortable.

☐ I will leave the site and tell a trusted adult if someone bothers me online.

☐ I will never meet someone in person who I first met online without bringing a parent or guardian with me.

Signature _____   **Date** _____

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Remember not to share these types of private information:

- Full name
- Street address
- Name of school
- School address

- Email address
- Phone numbers
- Passwords
- Cell phone number

- Mother's maiden name
- Parent's place of work
- Photos in which you can be recognized

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Sita likes to visit a website where kids can post messages about school, their favorite TV shows, and current events. She really likes a kid who uses the screen name CJcool11. When Sita shares a problem she has at school, CJcool11 always has good ideas for handling the problem. Even though she has never met CJcool11 in person, Sita thinks of CJcool11 as a friend.

One day, while messaging, CJcool11 and Sita compare their two schools.

Sita types, "My school principal is so strict. We have to walk through the halls in straight lines!"

CJcool11 answers, "My school isn't so strict. What's the name of your school?"

This question gives Sita a bad feeling. Sita feels uncomfortable about giving that information to CJcool11.

She types back, "Uh, my school's name is too hard to spell."

CJcool11 types, "So where is your school?"

Why do you think Sita gets a bad feeling when CJcool11 asks for the name of her school?

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What should Sita answer?

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What makes this answer a good one?

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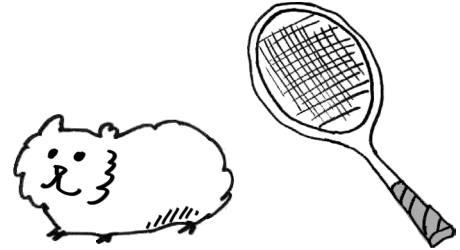If things get creepy or uncomfortable when you're chatting online, take action.
- Log out of the website or messaging service
- Tell a parent or trusted adult
- Ignore the person, or block that person from chatting with you

Lesson Assessments

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1. **Circle the examples of private information below.**

   a) Your full name

   b) Sports you like

   c) Your email address

   d) Your street address

   e) The name of your pet

   f) The place you went on vacation

2. **Sally is talking with Steven62, her online friend. Steven62 asks, "Is Sally your real name? What's your last name?" Sally feels uncomfortable. She:**
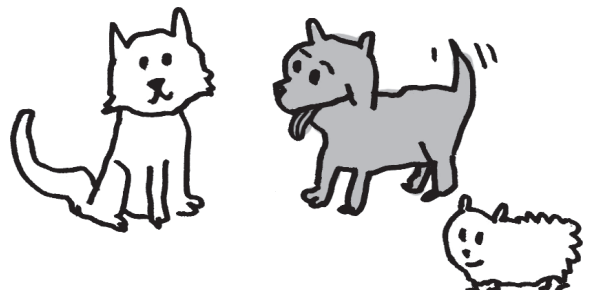
   a) Should tell Steven62 the truth

   b) Should lie and say her real name is Susie Roberts

   c) Should not tell her name, and she should go tell a trusted adult

   d) Should tell Steven62 her real name only if he tells her his real name

3. **Read the scenario below and then choose the best answer.**

   True or False: Lila has an online friend name Clara. Clara asks what Lila's favorite animal is. She also asks what her favorite color is. Lila shouldn't answer Clara because this is private information.

   a) True

   b) False

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