

## Reasons for closing tabs

When teachers close a tab on a student they are prompted to select a reason. Reasons should be concise and positive which will help preserve the relationship between teachers and students. The idea is to help students understand how to better manage their time while they are online. Eventually, students will develop the skills they need to be successful working independently, with little help from teachers reminding them to stay on task.

Here are a few tips to maximize reasons for closing tabs:

- Incorporate emojis. This can help teachers convey their message without seeming too heavy-handed.
- Need reasons in other languages? Include them on the same line as the English version. Example: This site is not related to our current task. / Este sitio no está relacionado con nuestra tarea actual.
- Include reasons that specifically identify why a tab is being closed in order to help students begin to understand their choices. The best reasons usually include what the student should be doing.
- Reasons should be written in a way that encourages students to reflect on their choices. Carefully choose words that don't make students feel like they are under constant surveillance.

Each reason can have a maximum of 140 characters, including spaces.

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**This site is inappropriate. 😬 Please open a site that is related to our current learning task.**

**Is this site the best choice for helping you with your learning? 🤔**

**It seems like you are getting distracted by different things on the internet. Want to talk about how to stay focused? 😞**

Please make sure you are working on the class activity. Thank you. 😊

You have received multiple reminders to stay on task. Please make sure you are working on the class activity. 😞

Yo! I'm closing this tab to help you focus on your work.

I see that you are working on an assignment for another class. Please refocus your attention on the activity for this class. 😊

Wrong tab. 🤖 See me if you are confused or need help.

Please focus on activities that will help you meet today's learning goals.

Your tab has been closed to help you return to your classwork. Is everything ok?

The internet is full of interesting things, but I need you to focus your attention on the assignment right now. 😊

How is this site related to your current task?

This site does not reflect our learning right now. Please focus on our classwork.

I sure don't like having to close tabs, but this one was off task. Thank you for understanding.

The internet can be so distracting! 😞 Let's get back to the work at hand please.