GRADE 4: DIGITAL LITERACY & WELL-BEING FAMILY ACTIVITY

Privacy & Safety

Digital literacy and well-being: Thinking critically and using technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate

PRIVACY & SAFETY

We protect ourselves and others online.

Instructions

It's important to know what information is OK to share online. What should we keep private and what is OK to share? Get one or more family members together to help. Read the setup before doing the activity together!

Setup

Read aloud: It's in our nature to share and connect with others. But sharing online comes with some risks. It is OK to share personal information. **Personal information** includes things like what you like to do, your favorite movie, ideas that you have, or even pictures of your pet. It is risky to share private information with someone you don't know or with everyone online. **Private information** includes things that identify you, such as your full name, home address, phone number, school, or date of birth.

Activity

Read aloud: Let's read the chat between Alex and a person they met online, and then talk about who is sharing private information and who is sharing personal information.

Discussion questions: What personal information is shared? What information should be kept private? Does it seem like Alex knows this person? Does that change how we respond to people online? Why is it OK to share personal information but not private information online? What can you say or do when someone asks for private information online?



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