Surfing Safely

Cyber Safety Lesson Plan (Age 7)

This lesson aims to teach young students about safe internet browsing, distinguishing between child-appropriate and inappropriate websites, and understanding the basic rules of internet safety.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Identify safe and unsafe websites for children.
- Understand and apply basic rules for safe internet browsing.
- Recognise the importance of asking for permission before accessing new content online.

Duration

30 minutes

Key Concepts

• **Safe Browsing:** Using the internet in a way that keeps personal information secure and avoids harmful websites.

Internet Independent Framework

The learning objectives in this workshop are aligned with the Privacy and Information Security pillar of the Internet Independent Framework. Visit <u>cyberlite.org</u> for more information.



LESSON SLIDE

WHAT TO SAY OR DO



Welcome students to the lesson and briefly explain that today's lesson is about surfing the internet safely.



Share the lesson objectives of what students will be learning today.



Ask students about their uses of the internet to engage them and assess their prior knowledge. Students of this age are often already exposed to screen time (such as watching YouTube videos or playing games), but they might not understand the concept of the internet.



Explain the term "safe browsing" and its importance for protecting personal information online.



Compare the internet to a theme park with different areas, some safe and others not, to simplify the concept of internet navigation.



Discuss examples of child-friendly websites and caution against sites not suitable for kids, stressing the importance of adult permission before exploring new sites.

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Using the analogy of the theme park, explain how some areas of the internet are designed for kids their age. Give examples of age-appropriate apps and ask students to share the apps they might already be using at home.



Explain the idea that there are places online that children should stay away from, which is why it's important to always ask a parent or teacher for permission before visiting new websites or apps.



Introduce basic internet safety rules:

- Ask for permission: Always ask a parent or teacher first if a website or app is safe for you.
- Be careful what you click on: Not all pictures or buttons are safe some might take you to unsafe areas.
- Don't talk to strangers: Don't reply to messages from strangers and tell a parent or teacher immediately.



Conduct an interactive quiz where students have to determine whether something is safe to play or not safe (stay away).



Ask students to vote using a thumbs up/down response.



Read the question and ask students to vote.

Reveal the answer and explain that an app for 13+ year olds means they are too young to play.



This video on YouTube Kids

Safe?

Not Safe?

Read the question and ask students to vote.

Reveal the answer and discuss that YouTube Kids is a safe place to find suitable content for kids their age.



Read the question and ask students to vote.

Reveal the answer and explain that educational apps that teaches math are safe to play.





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Read the question and ask students to vote.

Reveal the answer and emphasise that news websites are for adults because it may contain worrying or confusing information for children.



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What have you learned today? Let's reflect on today's lesson. Slide 20

Facilitate a reflection on the day's learning, inviting students to share their insights and how they plan to apply the lessons.

Remember This!

- Always be smart and careful when you're using the internet.
 Follow the rules for sofe browsing:
 Ask for permission
 Be careful what you click on
 Don't talk to strangers
 Ask for help from a parent or teacher if you're worried or confused which websites are sofe to play and which ones you should stay away from.

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Summarise important safety tips, reminding students to always navigate the web with caution and seek guidance from adults.



Congratulate the students for their thoughtful participation and remind them of the importance of surfing safely online.

