Clean Cyber Hygiene

Cyber Safety Lesson Plan (Age 10)

This lesson introduces students to the concept of cyber hygiene, the importance of protecting personal information online, and understanding the motivations behind hacking.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Identify what a hacker is and understand their motivations.
- Explain the importance of practising good cyber hygiene.
- Apply daily cyber hygiene rules to protect their information and devices.

Duration

30 minutes

Key Concepts

- **Black Hat Hacker:** A person who illegally breaks into computer systems or networks with harmful intentions, like stealing or damaging information.
- **Cyber Hygiene:** The regular habits and practices that keep your digital devices safe and secure. This includes regular updates, using strong passwords, avoiding suspicious downloads, and being aware of online threats.

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 maintaining clean cyber hygiene to protect against black hat hackers.



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



Initiate a class discussion to gauge the students' understanding of what hackers do in cyberspace.



Describe the role of a black hat hacker, emphasising that black hats are the one with harmful intentions that we should watch out for online. There are other types of hackers, such as white hat hackers, who work to improve security.



Explain the importance of cyber hygiene and its role in keeping us safe online. Draw comparisons to personal hygiene, such as washing hands regularly, that keeps us clean from viruses.



Introduce the concept of black hat hackers as the criminals of the online world, and the ones to protect against. Explain that this is why it's important to learn how to be cyber safe.

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Discuss hackers' motivations, such as stealing money or causing harm.



Describe common tactics used by hackers, such as phishing emails or weak passwords.



Emphasise that practising good cyber hygiene can help to keep black hat hackers out of our cyberspaces. Forming good cyber hygiene habits will keep online accounts more secure!



Outline practical daily rules for cyber hygiene that students can apply. Checking for the HTTPS and padlock symbols in the URL bar can provide reassurance that the website is safe and protected.



Explain that viruses often come as downloads or links, so students must be vigilant in what they click on. For students of this age group, they will likely come across malicious links sent through online game chats.



Remind students to always create long, strong, and secure passwords. Emphasise that passwords should also be different for every online account they set up.



Introduce this group activity where students are tasked to create a cyber hygiene checklist together.



Facilitate a collaborative activity where students create a cyber hygiene checklist. This could involve group work to brainstorm, discuss, and decide on the most important practices.

Examples:

- A rule for visiting secure websites: "Always check for the HTTPS and padlock symbol."
- A rule for clicking on links: "I will not click on any links that I've received from someone I don't know or trust."
- A rule for passwords: "My passwords are long, strong, and secure."
- A rule for downloads: "I won't download any files from unsecure websites."



Conclude with a creative exercise, such as designing posters that highlight their checklist rules, which can be displayed around the classroom.



Recap the key lessons, encouraging students to adopt positive cyber hygiene habits after the day's lesson.

Remember This!

- Black hat hackers are people who try to break into computers and networks for
- bod reasons.
 Cyber hygiene is about Keeping your information and devices safe every day.
 Always look for HTTPS and a padlock in your browser to know a website is
- AlWays took to secure.
 Be careful what you click on, and never download or click on links from people you don't know.
 Make sure your passwords are long, strong, and secure!

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Reinforce key messages such as the motivations of a black hat hacker and how cyber hygiene can be applied to stay safe online. Encourage students to refer to the checklist activity frequently.

Well Done!

Congratulate the students for their thoughtful participation and remind them to apply positive cyber hygiene habits online.

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