

Lesson 4

Staying Safe Online

How can I stay safe online?

How can my IT skills help keep me safe?

Vocabulary

Inappropriate

Pseudonym

Inappropriate - something which is not suitable.

Pseudonym - a fake name, especially used by authors.



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Most of us have access to at least one device that lets us go online.

How often do you go online?

- a. Every day
- b. Two or three times a week
- c. At weekends only



When you go online, how much time do you spend?

- a. 30 minutes
- b. 1-2 hours
- c. 3-4 hours

Home Time

After Bader and Salem talk to their teacher, they both feel much better. On their way home, Salem feels very proud that he had the courage to stand up in front of all his classmates. "You won't be bullied again," he tells his friend. "Fadia and her friend Saeed? They'll think twice before they're mean to you again. The teacher's going to keep a close eye on that pair from now on."

Bader too feels a weight off his shoulders. "I might even enjoy going to school again," he says. "Do you want to come around and play some games online on the computer later? After homework?" "Sure, see you later." Salem replies before racing home.

Later, while Bader is waiting for Salem, he plays some games online. While he is playing, a message appears from another player he doesn't know. He clicks the 'Red X' but the message won't go away. "That's strange!" he wonders. "I don't know anyone called 'N_Khaled.7'. Why would they be sending me messages? Let's see what this is about."

Just then, the doorbell rings. As Salem walks into the room, Bader asks, "Do you know anyone called

'N_Khaled.7? A message from him keeps popping up on my screen while I'm playing. I was just about to open it when you arrived. Now, let's" "Stop right there!" shouts Salem. "I wouldn't do that if I were you."



Questions for Discussion

- Do you think Saeed and Fadia will bully Bader again? Why?
- Why do you think Salem advises Bader not to open the message?
- What would you do if you got a message from someone you didn't know while playing games online?



Let's Think Together 'Look before you leap!' What does this phrase mean? How does it apply to Bader?



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Sometimes, when you are online on your tablet, mobile phone, or other device, unexpected things can happen. Look at some examples and, in your group, talk about what you would do if any of these things happened to you.

- a. You are online and an inappropriate picture appears on the screen.
- b. You are on an app and another user you don't know asks for your home address.
- c. You are online and a user you don't know asks you to send them a photo of yourself.
- d. You have a cool photo of you and your friends and you want to share it online.



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Read the scenarios below and decide if those involved did the right thing.

- Hamad was online and someone sent him a hurtful comment. He wrote back a hurtful comment to the user.
- Shareen was on an app and another user sent her a hurtful comment. She took a screen shot of it, blocked the sender and reported the user.
- Khawla was online and a window popped up saying she had won a prize.

She clicked the 'Red X' to close the message.

- Abdalla was online and an inappropriate picture appeared. He clicked on the 'Red X' but the picture wouldn't go away. He turned off the screen and went to get his mum.

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Things We Do Online

Dangers Online
