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WHAT IS A PASSWORD AND WHY SHOULD WE KEEP THEM SAFE?

A password is a secret word or phrase that allows a user to access a website. Passwords are like toothbrushes in that they should not be shared with anyone else. Using a combination of letters, numbers and symbols helps create a strong password. Strong passwords are harder for other people to guess.



IS EVERYTHING I READ ON THE INTERNET TRUE?

Just because something is on the Internet doesn't mean that it is true. Some people create spoof websites that pretend to be something else such a bank website or to provide misleading information.



HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM OLD ENOUGH TO PLAY A COMPUTER GAME?

Computer games, like films, are often not suitable for children. PEGI ratings will show how old a person must be to play a game. When playing online games, you need to be safe and SMART about the information you give out.



WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION INCLUDED IN A BLOG?

Blogs are normally created for groups of people who have a shared interest. They can be about all kinds of things from good baking recipes to fast sports cars to good books. Blogs can be a good way to interact with people who share your interests as long as you do this safely.



HOW CAN I STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET?

When using the internet, it is important to keep your personal information safe. You could use a madeup username and cartoon picture. You should always check with an adult before accepting or sending friend requests, turning on the microphone or webcam and signing up to new games. You should never exchange personal information (like your full name, date of birth, address, etc) or agree to meet up with someone over the internet.



WHO CAN HELP ME STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET?

Any trusted adult such as your parents, grandparents, other family members or your teacher.



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https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfcvhbk/articles/zkcj92p

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is a strong password?
- 2. What is a spoof website?
- 3. What are PEGI ratings?
- 4. Why are blogs useful?
- 5. What ways can you keep yourself safe on the internet?