

# Block I Online Safety



Key Vocabulary	
digital device	Any piece of equipment that contains a computer or microcontroller, such as a smartphone, smartwatch or laptop.
digital footprint	A <b>digital footprint</b> is a trail of information you leave behind when using apps and websites.
Internet	A large network of computers connected to each other all around the world.
keyword	The words we use when searching on a search engine, such as Google or KidRex.
online	Going online means connecting to the Internet. When you go online, you can connect to other places and other people.
personal information	This is information about yourself that can be used to identify you, such as your name or date of birth.  Personal information should be kept private.
private	Keeping something <b>private</b> means not sharing information with anyone that you do not know.
search	You can use the <b>Internet</b> to <b>search</b> for information on a <b>website</b> .
website	A collection of web pages grouped together.

#### How Can You Tell If a Website Is Safe to Use?

Just like we have to think about how we can stay safe in real life, we should also think about how we can stay safe when we are online. This will help us to avoid or deal with anything that might make us uncomfortable. Use these helpful hints to decide if a website is safe for you to use:

- The language is easy to understand.
- There are fun games and activities.
- There is no space to talk to other people.
- There are appropriate pictures and illustrations.

### When should you ask for help?

If you are not sure about a **website** or if you have seen something on a **website** that makes you uncomfortable, stop and ask a trusted adult for help.



## Top Tips for Online Searching

- Full sentences might not always be the best way to search for information online.
- Instead, think of some keywords that link to the topic you are searching for.
- Choose the best words to type into an online search.



## What Is a Digital Footprint?

When we go online, everything we do leaves a digital footprint that other people can see. Every time we visit a website, download an app or play a game online on a digital device, a tiny bit of information about us is saved. This makes up our digital footprint and it can give away a lot about us.