# Digital citizenship

Level 3

What do you know about digital citizenship? Practise your reading in English with this text.

## Preparation

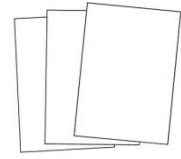Match the words with the definitions.

| | |
|---|---|
| responsible | to hurt someone or make them feel bad again and again |
| safe | to act in a particular way |
| respect | having good judgement, acting correctly, making good decisions |
| to behave | politeness and care about someone's feelings |
| permission | being allowed to do something |
| to bully | to believe that someone or something is good and honest |
| careful | not dangerous |
| to trust | paying attention so that you don't make a mistake or have an accident |

## Reading text

Read the text about digital citizenship.

# Digital citizenship

Everyone's talking about 'digital citizenship', but what is it?

We use the word 'digital' to talk about computer technology. Being a 'citizen' means that you belong to a group of people.

Digital citizens can use technology to communicate with others online and know how to use the internet in a safe and responsible way.

Are you a good digital citizen? Here are some ways to be safe and responsible online.

### 1. Stay safe

To stay safe, never give your personal information online, such as your address or the name of your school.

Make sure that you create strong, secure passwords and keep them secret. Don't tell your friends your passwords.
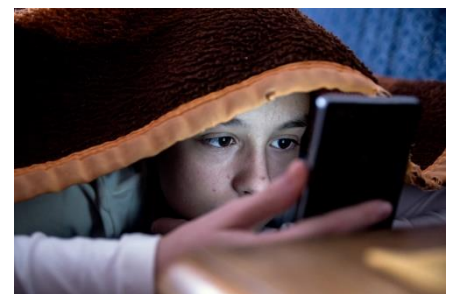
### 2. Show respect

Just like in real life, it's important to behave well online. For example, if you want to post a photo of someone, make sure you ask for their permission first.

Remember that everybody can have their own opinion. It's OK to disagree, but always be polite!

### 3. Be kind

Before you post a comment online, stop and think. Is it positive? How will your words make someone feel? Don't say something online that you wouldn't say in real life.

Never forward nasty messages. If you see that someone's being bullied online, tell a parent, teacher or another adult.
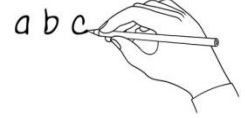
### 4. Be careful

Don't trust everyone or everything online. Remember that people online are not always who they say they are.

Never open emails from strangers, click on strange links or download apps without asking an adult. They could contain viruses. If you're not sure, ask your parents or teacher!

Spending time and learning online can be great if we're good digital citizens. So, be safe, be responsible and have fun!
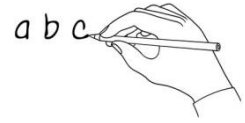
## 1. Where does it go?

Write the ideas in the correct groups.

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|---|---|
| ~~keep their passwords secret~~ | open emails from strangers |
| trust everyone and everything online | ask if it's OK before posting someone's photo |
| give personal information online | forward nasty messages |
| tell an adult if someone's being bullied | think about how their comment will make someone feel |

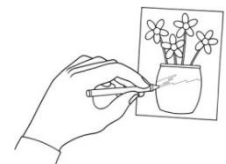| Things good digital citizens do | Things good digital citizens don't do |
|---|---|
| *keep their passwords secret* | |

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## 2. Fill it in!

Complete the sentences.

| online | passwords | ~~responsible~~ | download |
|---|---|---|---|
| personal information | disagree | permission | digital citizens |

a.  Digital citizens know how to use the internet in a ___*responsible*___ way.

b.  Don't give _____, for example the name of your school.

c.  Create strong, secure _____ and keep them secret.

d.  Ask someone's _____ before you post photos of them online.

e.  It's OK to _____ with someone online, but always be polite.

f.  Don't say something _____ that you wouldn't say in real life.

g.  Don't _____ apps without asking an adult.

h.  Spending time online can be great if we're good _____.

## Write and draw!

What other things do good digital citizens do? What do you like doing online?
Draw a picture and write about it!

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