**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Distinguish between a person’s full name and a nickname.
- Recognise that rude or sexy nicknames are not safe online.
- Distinguish between public information and private information.
- Recognise that you should never post your full name online unless your teacher, parent or carer says it’s safe to do so.
- Recognise that people online may not be who they say they are, even online friends.
- Recognise that you should never arrange to meet an online friend face to face.
- Recognise that some people go online to hassle or bully others. Bullying online is called cyberbullying.
- Demonstrate what to do or how to report cyberbullying.
- Recognise the importance of talking with teachers, parents and carers if someone is cyberbullying, or if anything bad (scary or gross) happens online.

**INTRODUCTION**

The web is a wonderful way to communicate with family and friends. However, it is very important to keep personal details private, to protect your identity.

It’s a good idea to use a nickname on social networking sites. But not all nicknames are safe… rude or sexy nicknames can attract unwanted attention. Sadly some people go online to hassle or bully others. Bullying online is called cyberbullying. Bullying is when one person (or a group) keeps picking on another person to upset or hurt them or socially isolate them. Although it’s not acceptable if someone behaves in an aggressive way on one occasion, it isn’t bullying. A fight between people of equal power or status isn’t bullying. Many social networking sites and chat rooms are moderated, which means there are responsible adults following what goes on. The moderator can delete messages, and ban people who are cyberbullying. On a moderated site you should report bullying to the moderator.

This activity is a game that explores strategies to protect ID online. The student must identify what is a safe nickname to use online and what is not. Students are presented with 20 names including rude nicknames that might attract unwanted attention, and full names that are not safe because they give away a person’s actual identity. The student must change all the names that are not safe to go online by choosing the safer option names. Throughout, a counter indicates the number of unsafe names that remain.

To conclude, the student needs to state why certain names are unsafe to go online. If the student chooses an incorrect statement, they are prompted to choose again until the correct statement is selected.

**RESOURCES**

- Stay Smart Online at [www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au)
- ThinkUKnow at [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

**UNIT VOCAB**

- Bullying
- Content
- Cyberbullying
- Cybersafety
- Cybersecurity
- Data
- Email address
- Full name
- ID
- Identity
- Information
- Internet
- Moderator
- Netiquette
- Nickname
- Offline
- Online
- Online friend
- Personal
- Post
- Private
- Report
- Site
- Social networking

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