













Rights vs Wants

What's the difference between a right and a want? Write whether they are a "right" or a "want" underneath.



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Your own bedroom



03 Protection from discrimination

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05 Education

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W

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Freedom to practise your own culture, language and beliefs

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Fast Food



04 Money to spend as you like

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06 Holiday trips

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08 Sending messages on a mobile phone

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10 A decent shelter

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The latest fashion





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15 Protection from abuse and neglect

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Medical care when you need it

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Using a laptop

computer

16 Watching television

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The opportunity to express your opinion and be listened to



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any person

under the

age of 18.



All children have all these rights. no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor,

and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.



When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. All adults should do what is best for children. Governments should make sure children are protected and looked after by their parents, or by other people

when this is needed. Governments should make sure that people and places responsible for looking after children are doing a good job.

Children have the right to their own identity - an

name, nationality and family relations. No one

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official record of who they are which includes their

should take this away from them, but if this happens.

governments must help children to guickly get their



Governments must do all they can to make sure that every child in their countries can eniov all the rights in this Convention

Children should not be separated

not being properly looked after

- for example, if a parent hurts

or does not take care of a child.

together should stay in contact with both parents

Children have the

right to give their

affect them. Adults.

should listen and

opinions freely

on issues that

unless this might harm the child.

Children whose parents don't live

from their parents unless they are

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Governments should let families and communities guide their children so that, as they grow up. they learn to use their rights in the best way. The more children grow. the less guidance they will need.



Every child has the right to be alive. Governments must make sure that children survive and develop in the best possible way.

Governments must stop

children being taken out of the country when this

is against the law - for

by someone or held

example, being kidnapped



Children must be registered when they are born and given a name which is officially recognized by the government. Children must have a nationality (belong to a country). Whenever possible, children should know their parents and be looked after by them.



different country than their parents, governments must let the child and parents travel so

that they can stay in contact and be together.

Children have the right 13 to share freely with others what they learn. think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.

this right.

identity back.



Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use

Children can

take children seriously.

ioin or set up groups or organisations and they can meet with

others, as long as this does not harm other people.

right to privacy. The law must protect children's privacy. family, home. communications

Every child has the

and reputation (or good name) from any attack.



Parents are the main people responsible for bringing up a child When the child does not have any parents.

another adult will have this responsibility and they are called a "quardian". Parents and quardians should always consider what is best for that child. Governments should help them. Where a child has both parents, both of them should be responsible for bringing up the child.



Governments must protect children from violence, abuse and being neglected by anyone who looks after them.



Every child who cannot be looked after by their own family has the right to be looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture, language and other aspects of their life.

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When children are adopted, the most important thing is to do what is best for them. If a child cannot be properly looked after in their own country for example by living with another family - then they might be adopted in another country.



from the Internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. Adults should make sure the information they are getting is not harmful. Governments should encourage the media to share

information from lots of different sources, in languages that all children can understand.



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Children who move from their home country to another country as refugees (because it was not safe for them to stav there) should get help and

protection and have the same rights as children born in that country.



Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with

disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.



Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in All adults and

children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.



Every child who has been placed somewhere away from home - for their care, protection or health should have their situation checked regularly to see if everything is going well and if this is still the best place for the child to be



Governments should provide money or other support to help children from poor families.

Children have the right to 27 21 food, clothing and a safe place to live so they can develop in the best possible FOOD, CLOTHIN way. The government should help families and children

who cannot afford this.

Children's education should help them fully

develop their personalities, talents and abilities.

cultures and differences. It should help them to

It should teach them to understand their own

rights, and to respect other people's rights.

live peacefully and protect the environment.



Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect children's rights and never use



Children have the right to use their own language,

culture and religion - even

if these are not shared by

most people in the country

Every child has 3 the right to rest, \mathbf{O} relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities



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Children have the right to be protected from doing work that is dangerous or bad for their education, health or development. If children work, they have the right to be safe and paid fairly.



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Governments must protect children from taking, making carrying or selling harmful

where they live



The government should protect children from sexual exploitation (being taken advantage of) and sexual abuse. including by people forcing children to have sex for money, or making sexual pictures or films of them.



Governments must make sure that children are not kidnapped or sold, or taken to other countries or places to be exploited (taken

advantage of).



drugs.

Children have the right to be protected from all other kinds of exploitation (being taken advantage of), even if these are not specifically mentioned in this Convention.



Children who are accused of breaking the law should not be 113/ killed, tortured, treated cruelly, put in prison forever, or put in prison with adults. Prison should always be the last choice 7Ĥ and only for the shortest possible time. Children in prison should have legal help and be able to stay in contact with their family.



be used.

Children have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can ioin the army or take

If the laws of a

country protect

children's rights

better than this

Convention, then

those laws should



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Children have the right to get help if they have been hurt, neglected, treated badly or affected by war, so they can get back their health

Governments should

actively tell children

and adults about this

evervone knows about

Convention so that

children's rights.



Children accused of breaking the law have the right to legal help and fair treatment. There should be lots of solutions to help these children become good members of their communities. Prison should only be





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What are the top three rights you need when you go online?







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The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child PART 1: RIGHTS AND DUTIES



Article 1: Member States of the Organization of African Unity Parties will recognize the rights, freedoms and duties in this Charter and will adopt laws these rights. Any custom, tradition, cultural or religious practice that is inconsistent with these rights are discouraged.

Article 2: A child means every human being below the age of 18 years.

Article 3: Every child should be allowed to enjoy the rights and freedoms in this Charter, regardless of his or her race, ethnic group, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national and social origin, fortune, birth or other status.

Article 4: If children can voice their opinions, then those opinions should be heard and taken into consideration during legal and administrative proceedings.

Article 5: Every child has a right to live.

Article 6: Every child has the right to be named and registered at birth.

Article 7: Every child who is capable of communicating his or her own views should be allowed to express his or her opinions freely.

Article 8: Every child has the right to free association and freedom of peaceful assembly, in conformity with the law.

Article 9: Every child has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

Article 10: Children have a right to privacy.

Article 11: Every child has the right to an education, to develop his or her personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential. This education also includes the preservation and strengthening of positive African morals, traditional values and cultures. Governments should also take special measures in respect of female, gifted and disadvantaged children, to ensure equal access to education for all sections of the community.

Article 12: Children have a right to play and to participate fully in cultural and artistic life.

Article 13: Every child who is mentally or physically disabled has the right to special protection to ensure his or her dignity, promote his self-reliance and active participation in the community.

Article 14: Every child shall has the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical, mental and spiritual health. This includes the provision of nutritious food and safe drinking water, as well as adequate health care.

Article 15: Children should be protected from all forms of economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with their physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

Article 16: Children should be protected from all forms of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment and especially physical or mental injury or abuse, neglect or maltreatment including sexual abuse.

Article 17: Every child accused or found guilty of having broken the law should receive special treatment, and no child who is imprisoned or should be tortured or otherwise mistreated.

Article 18: Families are the natural unit and basis for society, and should enjoy special protection.

Article 19: Children should, whenever possible, have the right to live with their parents. No child should be separated from his or her parents against his or her will, except when authorities believe is would be in the child's best interest.

Article 20: Parents or other persons responsible for the child should always act in the best interest of the child.

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Article 22: Children should not be recruited as soldiers, nor should they take a direct part in fighting wars.

Article 23: Refugee Children should receive appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance.

Article 24: Children who are separated from their parents should get special protection and should be provided with alternative family care. States should also take all possible steps to trace and re-unite children with parents.

Article 25: States should address the special needs of children living under regimes practicing racial, ethnic, religious or other forms of discrimination.

Article 26: Children should be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

Article 27: Children should be protected from the use of narcotics and illicit use of psychotropic substances.

Article 28: Governments should take appropriate measures to prevent the abduction, the sale of, or traffic of children for any purpose.

Article 29: States should provide special treatment to expectant mothers and to mothers of infants and young children who have been accused or found guilty of breaking the law.

Article 30: Children have responsibilities towards their families and societies, to respect their parents, superiors and elders, to preserve and strengthen African cultural values in their relation with other members of their communities.



Article 31: The Committee

An African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child hereinafter called `the Committee' shall be established within the Organization of African Unity to promote and protect the rights and welfare of the child.

Article 32: Composition

- 1. The Committee shall consist of 11 members of high moral standing, integrity, impartiality and competence in matters of the rights and welfare of the child.
- 2. The members of the Committee shall serve in their personal capacity.
- 3. The Committee shall not include more than one national of the same State.

Article 33: Election

As soon as this Charter shall enter into force the members of the Committee shall be elected by secret ballot by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government from a list of persons nominated by the States Parties to the present Charter.

Article 34: Candidates

Each State Party to the present Charter may nominate not more than two candidates. The

candidates must have one of the nationalities of the States Parties to the present Charter. When

two candidates are nominated by a State, one of them shall not be a national of that State.

Article 35

- The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity shall invite States Parties to the present Charter to nominate candidates at least six months before the elections.
- 2. The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity shall draw up in alphabetical order, a list of persons nominated and communicate it to the Heads of State and Government at least two months before the elections.

Article 36: Term of Office

- The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of five years and may not be re-elected, however. The term of four of the members elected at the first election shall expire after two years and the term of six others, after four years.
- 2. Immediately after the first election, the Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity shall draw lots to

determine the names of those members referred to in sub-paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity shall convene the first meeting of Committee at the Headquarters of the Organization within six months of the election of the members of the Commit tee, and thereafter the Committee shall be convened by its Chairman whenever necessary, at least once a year.

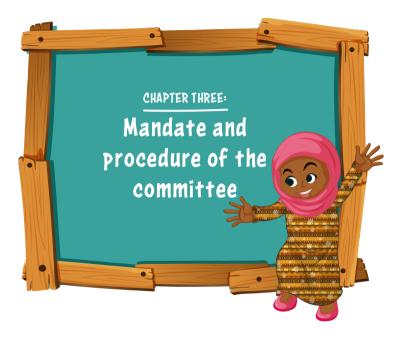
Article 37: Bureau

- 1. The Committee shall establish its own Rules of Procedure.
- 2. The Committee shall elect its officers for a period of two years.
- 3. Seven Committee members shall form the quorum.
- 4. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 5. The working languages of the Committee shall be the official languages of the OAU.

Article 38: Vacancy

If a member of the Committee vacates his office for any reason other than the nonmal expiration of a term, the State which nominated that member shall appoint another member from among its nationals to serve for the remainder of the term - subject to the approval of the Assembly. Article 39: Secretariat The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity shall appoint a Secretary for the Committee.

Article 40: Privileges and Immunities In discharging their duties, members of the Committee shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Organization of African Unity.



Article 42: Mandate The functions of the Committee shall be:

a) To promote and protect the rights enshrined in this Charter and in particular to:

(i) collect and document information, commission inter-disciplinary assessment of situations on African problems in the fields of the rights and welfare of the child, organize meetings, encourage national and local institutions concerned with the rights and welfare of the child, and where necessary give its views and make recommendations to Governments;

(ii) formulate and lay down principles and rules aimed at protecting the rights and welfare of children in Africa;
(iii) cooperate with other African, international and regional Institutions and organizations concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of the child.

b) To monitor the implementation and ensure protection of the rights enshrined in this Charter.

c) To interpret the provisions of the present Charter at the request of a State Party, an Institution of the Organization of African Unity or any other person or Institution recognized by the Organization of African Unity, or any State Party. d) Perform such other task as may be entrusted to it by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, Secretary-General of the OAU and any other organs of the OAU or the United Nations.

Article 43: Reporting Procedure

1. Every State Party to the present Charter shall undertake to submit to the Committee through the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, reports on the measures they have adopted which give effect to the provisions of this Charter and on the progress made in the enjoyment of these rights:

- a. within two years of the entry into force of the Charter for the State Party concerned: and
- b. and thereafter, every three years.
- 2. Every report made under this Article shall:
- a. contains sufficient information on the implementation of the present Charter to provide the Committee with comprehensive understanding of the implementation of the Charter in the relevant country; and
- b. shall indicate factors and difficulties, if any, affecting the fulfillment of the obligations contained in the Charter.

3. A State Party which has submitted a comprehensive first report to the Committee need not, in its subsequent

reports submitted in accordance with paragraph I (a) of this Article, repeat the basic information previously provided.

Article 44: Communications

1. The Committee may receive communication, from any person, group or nongovernmental organization recognized by the Organization of African Unity, by a Member State, or the United Nations relating to any matter covered by this Charter.

2. Every communication to the Committee shall contain the name and address of the author and shall be treated in confidence.

Article 45: Investigations by the Committee

1. The Committee may, resort to any appropriate method of investigating any matter falling within the ambit of the present Charter, request from the States Parties any information relevant to the implementation of the Charter and may also resort to any appropriate method of investigating the measures the State Party has adopted to implement the Charter.

2. The Committee shall submit to each Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government every two years, a report on its activities and on any communication made under Article [44] of this Charter.

3. The Committee shall publish its report after it has been considered by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

4. States Parties shall make the Committee's reports widely available to the public in their own countries.



Article 46: Sources of Inspiration

The Committee shall draw inspiration from International Law on Human Rights, particularly from the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, and other instruments adopted by the United Nations and by African countries in the field of human rights, and from African values and traditions.

Article 47: Signature, Ratification or Adherence

1. The present Charter shall be open to signature by all the Member States of the Organization of African Unity.

2. The present Charter shall be subject to ratification or adherence by Member States of the Organization of African Unity. The instruments of ratification or adherence to the present Charter shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity.

3. The present Charter shall come into force 30 days after the reception by the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity of the instruments of ratification or adherence of 15 Member States of the Organization of African Unity.

Article 48: Amendment and Revision of the Charter

1. The present Charter may be amended or revised if any State Party makes a written request to that effect to the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, provided that the proposed amendment is not submitted to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for consideration until all the States Parties have been duly notified of it and the Committee has given its opinion on the amendment.

2. An amendment shall be approved by a simple majority of the States Parties.

Agenda 2040 lists these ten aspirations as Africa's Agenda for children: Fostering an Africa Fit for Children

• Aspiration 1: The African Children's Charter, as supervised by the African Children's Committee, provides an effective continental framework for advancing children's rights.

• Aspiration 2: An effective child-friendly national legislative, policy and institutional framework is in place in all member States.

• Aspiration 3: Every child's birth and other vital statistics are registered.

• Aspiration 4: Every child survives and has a healthy childhood.

• Aspiration 5: Every child grows up well-nourished and with access to the basic necessities of life.

• Aspiration 6: Every child benefits fully from quality education.

• Aspiration 7: Every child is protected against violence, exploitation, neglect and abuse.

• Aspiration 8: Children benefit from a child-sensitive criminal justice system.

• Aspiration 9: Every child is free from the impact of armed conflicts and other disasters or emergency situations.

• Aspiration 10: African children's views matter.



Sharing

Circle the people who you think can see the things you say, do and post online.



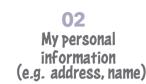
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04 My search history

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exercice 4 Advice

Read what other young people had to say about their online safety and privacy. Do you agree with these statements? Why/why not? Write your answers in the boxes below.



Shade the stars to show how much you agree with the sentence

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"I'm really worried about hackers who can break into data storage systems and use my data"	"I have all my privacy and security settings on so I'm not really worried about my data"	"One of my online friends who I haven't met in real life asked me if I wanted to meet up in person. I don't think I'll go"
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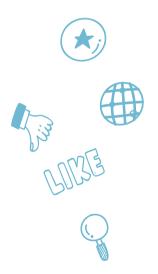
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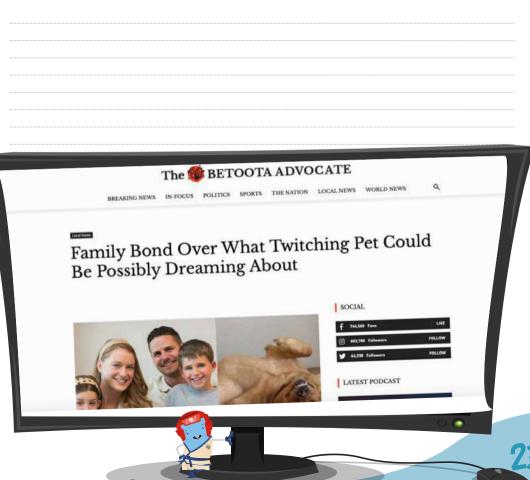


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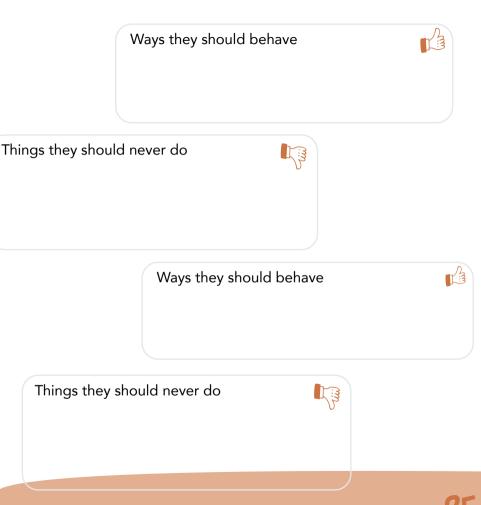






Write a text message to a friend giving them advice about how young people should treat each other when they go online.

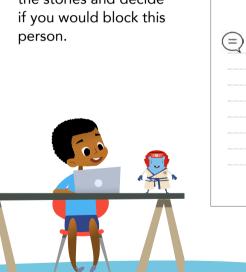






Exercise 7 Blocked

Have you ever blocked someone online? What did they do to make you block them? Read the stories and decide if you would block this person.

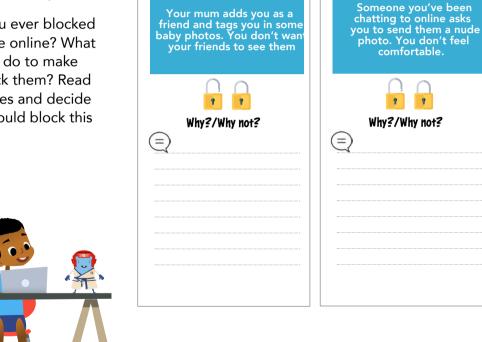


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One of your classmates has been sending you mean text messages every day for the last three weeks.	Your best friend makes a rude comment about you in a group chat. They're usually nice to you online.	A stranger sends you a friend request Facebook. You don't recognise their picture.
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Why?/Why not?	Why?/Why not?	Why?/Why not?



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If someone is being bullied online, we have a responsibility to do something about it. what do you think each of these people should do to stop cyberbullying or help the person being bullied?



The person being bullied Friends (the bully's friends or the friends of the person being bullied)"

Other bystanders

Support

Do you know what resources are available in your country to help young people if something upsets you or worries you online? For example, is there a person, a website or an organisation that you know of that you can go to for help? How did you hear about them? Who do you know that you can turn to for help if something goes wrong online? what can these people do to help you?

> It's okay if nothing comes to mind! Try doing a quick internet search and tell us what information you find!

What websites or organisations can

^{you} go to for help≥

what can they do?

Exercise 10 Warning

There are lots of different kinds of people, activities or experiences that you can encounter on the internet. You might think some of these things are less safe, or more safe, than others. How do you rate some of these activities (e.g. meeting someone face-to-face that you met online)? Cut out sentences and stick them to the line on the next page



Sharing personal information (e.g. home address)

2 Meeting up with someone you met online

Chatting to a stranger

4 Sending a private photo to a friend

Accepting friend requests from someone you don't know



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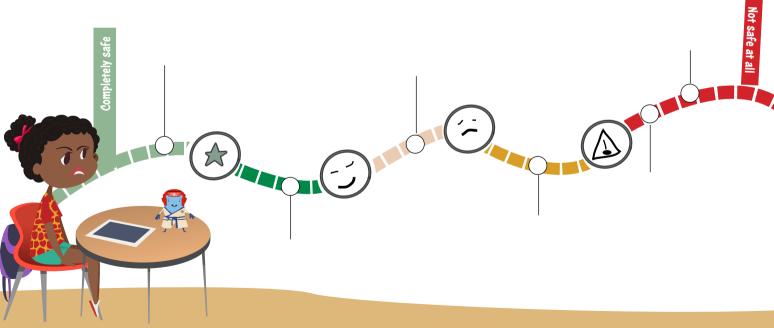
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Using google to do research for school work



Exercise 10 Warning

Green is completely safe, and red is not safe at all. if there's something missing from the list, write it on!





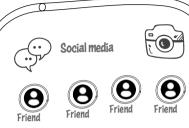
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What is happening to her?



Who could they ask for help or talk to about the problem?





Jamila is in year 8 at school. For the last month, she has been receiving anonymous messages which say mean things about her clothes and hairstyle

One day, one of her friends tells her that a fake Instagram account with her name has been set up and is sending people rude pictures.

Jamila is scared to go to school in case she is teased about it.



Would you feel prepared to deal with this risk?





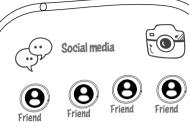
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Gino is 15 years old. He loves playing online games and will often play late into the night.

Each day, he spends at least 10 hours playing on the computer. At first it was just for fun, but Gino has started skipping school to play games and doesn't want to take part in activities with his friends or family any more. He is becoming more socially isolated and his family are worried about his mental health.



Would you feel prepared to deal with this risk?





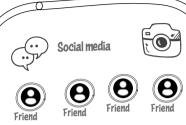
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In the photo, Kofi is playing naked on the beach with some friends. His mother loves the photo and wants to share it with her friends and family who she is connected with on Facebook, but Kofi doesn't feel comfortable with it being online.



Would you feel prepared to deal with this risk?



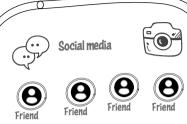
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Exercise 12 SHELDS

Viruses and malware can be bad for your computer – they can make it slow down or crash, or they can delete files or even put your privacy or security at risk. Do you do anything to keep your computer safe from viruses?



Write some of the things that you use to protect your computer.

This activity book has been developed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and a working group of contributing authors from leading institutions in the sector of child rights and child protection in the digital environment.

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