

# Safer Internet



Trust on the Internet  
- Real or Fake?



The internet is used widely every day by millions of people.

It is a fantastic way to network and communicate all over the world. There are many benefits to the internet, however there are significant risks as well.

It is important to recognise these risks and to evaluate what is seen online, making judgements and not automatically assuming that what is seen is true, valid or acceptable.

There is a lot of online content which tries to make people believe something false is true and many websites use techniques to persuade or scam internet users. Fake news has become more prominent and is used to draw people to corrupt websites which have the intention of stealing private information or money.



What is personal information?

## Steps to Staying Safe

Assess the situation.



Think of the consequences.



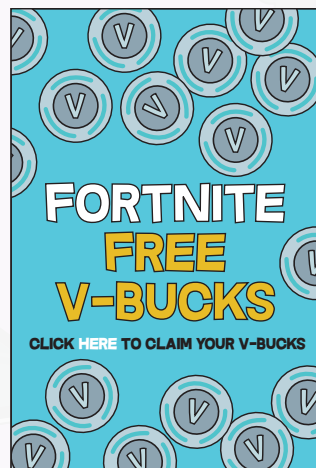
Decide on the best course of action.

Think before you click...

Is this too good to be true?

Is this fact or opinion?

Is this trying to shock you?



Is this a trusted source?

Is this possible or believable?

Why does someone want me to see this?



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**Offers and Prizes**  
Using deals that appear too good to be true to make you click or enter personal information.

**Popular Topics**  
The desire to find something out makes people click on links and are used for advertising.

**Sense of Urgency**  
Giving a time limit or making you believe something is wrong so you feel the need to click.

## What to look out for...

**Spelling Errors or Grammatical Mistakes**  
Real companies would not have these inaccuracies.

**Generic Greetings**  
Not having a personal greeting can mean it's a scam.

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### Comprehension

1. What is the internet?

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2. Find and copy another word that means 'on the internet'.

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3. Why is it important to identify risks when on the internet?

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4. What has become more notorious for internet users?

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5. Think about the consequences of your actions on the internet.

This suggests that...

Tick one.

Internet users need to be careful of scams.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clicking is always safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you believe a website to be safe, then it's ok to provide your personal information.	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What is another way of saying 'the desire to find something out'?

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7. Why do internet users need to be weary of time limits?

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8. What advice would you give to someone about accepting deals on the internet?

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