

## Topic: **Staying Safe Online**

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### TASK 1

Watch the following video on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrln8nyVBLU>. Then fill in the gaps in the sentences below to complete the five pieces of advice that the video offers.

- Tip 1:** Don't forget. Anything you ..... on the internet will potentially be there .....
- Tip 2:** Use the strictest ..... settings.
- Tip 3:** Don't put ..... information online.
- Tip 4:** Don't forget about smartphone safety. Only answer texts and phone calls from your .....
- Tip 5:** If you get hacked, change your ....., set up ..... for your email if you can, check your ..... and notify all your ..... . Run an..... programme on your computer. .... up your files on a portable hard drive.

If you need help, use the following words to fill in the sentences above.

contact list    put    privacy    friends    password  
two step verification    sent box    antivirus    back    forever    personal

### TASK 2

Choose one of the following situations and do the task.

Your grandmother has recently purchased an iPad so that she can connect with family and friends on Facebook and WhatsApp. Write her a list of your top ten pieces of advice for surfing safely! Remember she has never been online before so make sure your advice is easy to understand and includes the most important points.

or

You've been invited to join a school project team. Your first task is to work on an information campaign for all students about staying safe online. In the current unpredictable climate your team decided to record a short video or create a short PowerPoint presentation that can be emailed across instead. Send the video or the presentation it to our teacher once it is ready.

# TASK 3

Read the following article about social media and professional career. Write down the new things you've learnt and decide what changes you might start making from now on your own profile and in your social media habits? Have your ideas ready to share during the next class.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING TODAY NO JOB TOMORROW?

**Imagine you have applied for a job. Would you be happy for your future employer to look at your social networking profile? No? Well, be careful when you post online.**

The things we say and show are public and usually remain online for a long time. So when we apply to university or for a job, it is usually very easy for the university or company to find out lots of information about us from our activity on social media. In some cases, this can be a positive thing. But in others it may go against us. It all depends on how we look after our online identity or profile.

A survey in the US discovered that 43% of all companies use social networking sites to investigate job candidates. In 51% of these cases, the company has found information that has made them decide not to give the person the job. There are a number of different reasons why companies decided to reject the candidate after looking at their social networking profile. Typical reasons were:


- The candidate posted inappropriate photos or information (46%)
- There was information about inappropriate behaviour (41%)
- The candidate said something bad or inappropriate about their previous employer (36%)
- The candidate had poor communication skills (32%)
- The candidate made discriminatory comments (28%)
- It became clear that the candidate had lied about their qualifications (25%)

However, some employers (33%) also noted that they found information on social media sites that made a candidate more attractive or helped them to decide to offer the candidate the job. They mentioned these aspects as positive:

- The candidate gave a professional image (43%)
- Their online profile helped to get a good impression of their personality (46%)
- The candidate showed that they had a good variety of interests (40%)
- The information confirmed that they had the qualifications mentioned in their application (45%)
- The candidate was creative (36%)
- The candidate showed great communication skills (40%)
- Other people made very positive comments about the candidate (30%)

The research suggests that companies are using social media to get an idea of candidates' behaviour and personality outside of the interview. That means that your social media profile needs to send out the right message.

Article from CareerBuilder



### New things I learned:

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### What surprised me the most:

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### I might start making the following changes in my own profile:

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### If you'd like to find out more about cyber safety watch one of the following videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cnc4LaevRBw>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hV1sigh6WKA>