

PUPIL WORKSHEET



Can you help a friend? Classroom lesson. KS3

Introducing this lesson to your pupils.

Explain to your pupils that in the next 30 minutes they are going to be taking part in a role-play exercise and take on the role of a 13 year old girl called Jessica Samara. Jessica is a friend of Tiffany Walker also 13. Tiffany has moved away from the area and her father bought her a computer and a mobile telephone to enable her to keep in touch with her friends. Tiffany has had several contacts in a chat room, by e-mail and text from a person she does not know. She is not sure how to deal with this and keeps sending you e-mails messages asking for your advice – after all you are her old best friend!

The messages your teacher will give you are all from Tiffany. Read what Tiffany is up to and then answer the questions she poses. This is not a race or competition, the important thing is that you think about the issues

Can you help a friend?

INTRODUCTION

You are 13 years of age and you go to school at Wimbledon Middle School. Last term your best friend Tiffany Walker left Wimbledon with her father to live in Huntingbridge where Mr Walker started a new job.

Mr Walker bought Tiffany her own computer so that she could use it to keep in contact with some of her old friends. Tiffany has kept in touch using e-mail and chat and has been telling you all about the new life she has in Huntingbridge.

Questions for you.

What are the good things about being able to use a computer to keep in touch with friends? Are there any downsides?

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MESSAGE number 1



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess! I am not very happy, I have not made any new friends and I want to move back to Wimbledon, dad has said that it is not possible. I have been getting messages from a guy called Leon. He seems really nice and he likes the same bands as I do. He has told me he is 17 years old and used to go to my old school – isn’t that a coincidence ?

I’ve never chatted to a guy in a chat room before, what should I ask him?”

Response to Tiff’s question

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MESSAGE number 2



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess, it’s been a bad day today. I got a message from Leon last night, he said he had been chucked out of school, but he didn’t like it anyway. He said he could meet me and we could spend the day in Wimbledon. I said my dad would not let me do that, but Leon said I should not bother letting dad know.

I am tempted to go and meet him, but I don’t know what to tell my Dad about where I am going. What do you think? ”

Response to Tiff’s question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 3.



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess! Leon sent me his picture by e-mail! He is gorgeous, my dad would not let me meet him, and it is a good job dad doesn’t come anywhere my computer because I’ve got it up in my bedroom. Leon looks like a film star.

I was told never to accept e-mail attachments because they may contain viruses but this one came from someone I know so it’s OK isn’t it ? Have you ever been sent a photo by e-mail ?

Response to Tiff’s questions

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MESSAGE NUMBER 4



To Jess from Tiff

Hi Jess! We meet in this chat room, some of the things he says I do not really understand.

Have you ever used a chat room, great aren’t they, good job parents don’t know about them?

He is starting to sound really weird, Did anyone talk to you in a weird way in a chat room before? Do your mum and dad know that you use them, mine don’t?

Response to Tiff’s question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 5.



To Jess from Tiff

Hi Jess! My dad bought me my own mobile phone, Leon says I should give him the number so he can text me, he says it will be easier and he can reach me anytime even in school!

I thought that I would give him my number to keep him quiet? Do you think that's Ok, what would you do?

Response to Tiff's Question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 6



To Jess from Tiff

"Hi Jess! Leon sent me an e-mail, he said that I had not been in the chat room and that he was cross because he wanted to talk to me. He doesn't seem to know that I have got other things to do, dad made me do some of the housework this evening.

Leon doesn't understand, he said that if I did not do what he said he would tell my dad what I have been doing. If he tells my dad I will be in big trouble, he doesn't know I've been talking to Leon.

Do you think it's possible to find out where someone lives from their email address? How does he know where I live, I don't think I told him. What should I do ?

Response to Tiff's Questions

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MESSAGE NUMBER 7



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess! Leon sent me a message this morning, it said, ‘Meet me at the arcade in town at 10.30 today, we will go to Wimbledon to see some old friends.’

I told him that I could not.”

I don’t know what to do, he might get mad if I don’t go. What do you think?

Response to Tiff’s Question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 8



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess! I know you said that I shouldn’t have given Leon my mobile telephone number but he kept on at me so I did last night in the chat room we both use. Anyway, when I got to school this morning Leon kept sending me text messages on my phone he was a real nuisance. I think one of the teachers saw the message and was suspicious.

Should I tell my teacher that he is hassling me? I wish I hadn’t given him my mobile – Has this kind of thing ever happened to you?

Response to Tiff’s Question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 9



To Jess from Tiff

“Hi Jess! I sent a message to Leon asking him not to keep sending me txt messages and he replied straight away and says that we should meet and he can come and pick me up at school tomorrow. I don’t think I told him what school I went to but I can’t remember what I told him now.”

I am terrified in case he turns up, what should I do?”

Response to Tiff’s Question

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MESSAGE NUMBER 10



To Jess from Tiff.

“Hi Jess. Good news. I ignored Leon’s calls and switched my mobile off for a few days. I was getting pretty freaked out by it and felt he was hassling me. I was really upset so I spoke to my Dad who was really understanding and said he would get my number changed. We talked about stranger-danger, I never thought about if for online strangers but he is right Leon could have been anyone ! I reckon the pictures he sent me weren’t really him. I’ve not gone back to that chat room and will only use moderated rooms from now on and not give any personal information away.

Thanks for your help, I wish someone had told me these things before. Is there anything else that I should remember NOT to do!

Response to Tiff’s Question

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QUESTION FOR YOU

ON THE KIDSMART WEBSITE www.kidsmart.org.uk THERE ARE 5 SMART RULES FOR INTERNET SAFETY CAN YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS FOR TIFFINY?

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