

TEACHER WORKSHEET



A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE

In the story that you heard about Jade and her father Stuart did you notice all the things that happened that, added all together, put Jade in a potentially dangerous situation.

See if you can answer the questions below about the story – A Stranger in the House.

Question 1:

Who first showed Jade how to use the chat rooms?

Friends – Dee and brother Ryan. Probably the most common way. Jade thought it would be boring – but told it was cool. But they didn't tell Jade about any safety rules / how to behave online.

Question 2:

What did Stuart think Jade was using the computer for?

Bought it to help her with her homework. Didn't even know how it could be used for anything else.

Question 3:

Did Stuart know how long Jade was online every night?

No. Computer was in her room. Jade kept secret that she used it at night.

Question 4:

Why do you think Jade visited Chat rooms?

Exciting Way to keep in touch with old friends and meet new ones – she was feeling lonely and a little unsure of herself having just moved house and school.

Question 5:

What made Jade so sure that Hero was a 15-year-old boy?

He said so! – and she really wanted to believe him. Interested in same things. The pictures he sent.

Question 6:

Do you think it was strange that Hero liked everything that Jade liked?

Hero was very clever and asked all the questions (what music do you like) and got Jade to answer. Then said liked the same. He even said that they had the same background (had lived in same place, no mother etc.).

Question 7:

What personal information did Jade give Hero that put her at risk?

At least her email and her mobile phone number. She has changed both now.

Question 8:

Why do you think Jade wanted to meet Hero alone?

Didn't think her Dad would allow it. Embarrassed to be with adult/friend. Probably thought old enough to decide and look after herself.

Question 9:

What could have happened to Jade?

We actually don't know. Possibly: Hurt. Kidnapped. (Note to teacher: don't need to go too deep – may get paedophile attack suggested – be prepared! – answer in context of class maturity)

Question 10:

Were Stuart and Jade going online again? If they were – what was different about how they were going to use the Internet?

Yes they did go online again. PC not in Jade's room but downstairs. Stuart has got Jade to show him how to use it. Spend some time online together. Jade would now tell if something suspicious happened. Jade would ask permission to send emails etc. to new friends.

Once you have answered all the questions think about the following statements and see if you think they right **ALWAYS**, **SOMETIMES** or **NEVER**. **WHY** do you think that is the right answer?

STATEMENT	ALWAYS/ SOMETIMES/ NEVER	WHY THAT ANSWER?
1 The Internet is a dangerous place	SOMETIMES	<i>Like a city – good and bad. Most people put it to good use. There are always some who want to spoil it.</i>
2 The Internet is a great place	SOMETIMES	<i>As above</i>
3 Chat rooms are dangerous	SOMETIMES	<i>Most of the time they are fine. Can be used by people looking to harm children.</i>
4 Chat rooms are fun	SOMETIMES	<i>Most of the time can be fun if chat room properly run with rules.</i>
5 The Internet is a good way to make new friends	SOMETIMES	<i>Many children make great new friends through the Internet. But make sure they are who they say they are.</i>
6 People tell the truth on the Internet	SOMETIMES	<i>Just as in real life – most people tell the truth most of the time. Some are mischievous or troublemakers.</i>
7 Ask a parent before sending a picture of yourself over the Internet	ALWAYS	<i>Never send personal information such as a picture without checking and thinking hard with a parent.</i>
8 Just ignore anything that you find upsetting in the Internet	NEVER	<i>Always tell an adult. They can do something to make sure other children don't get upset.</i>
9 I don't need to tell my parents if I am meeting someone I got to know online	NEVER	<i>Never meet someone in real life without a parent or adult present. A good friend will understand!</i>
10 A friend online should understand if I don't want to give them personal information	ALWAYS	<i>Again, a good friend should understand that everyone needs to be careful with personal information.</i>
11 Giving someone your mobile number is fine	SOMETIMES	<i>Only when you really trust that person very well and know they wouldn't give it to others. Check with parent.</i>
12 All the information on the Internet is true and has been checked	SOMETIMES	<i>The Internet is too big to check. When you visit a site see who has published it e.g. the BBC could be trusted.</i>