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What is Online Strangers

Stay Smart: Understand Online Strangers!

DEFINITION

Online strangers are people you meet on the internet whom you do not know personally. It's important to be cautious and protect your personal information when interacting with them.

KEY CONCEPTS

Identifying Strangers

Online strangers can be anyone you meet in chat rooms, games, or social media.

Privacy Settings

Adjusting privacy settings helps control who can see your information and interact with you.

Safe Communication

Always be careful about what you share; never give out personal details like your address.

Reporting Issues

If someone makes you uncomfortable, report them to a trusted adult or the platform.

Trust Your Instincts

If something feels off about a conversation, it's okay to stop talking to that person.

EXAMPLES

- Chatting with someone you met in an online game.
- Receiving a friend request from an unknown user on social media.
- Joining a virtual study group with unfamiliar classmates.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember 'PETS' for safety: Privacy, Evaluate, Trust, Stop.
- ★ Think of 'Caution' as a stop sign when meeting new people online.
- ★ Use the '3 W's': Who is this? Why are they contacting me? What do I share?

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Sharing personal information too quickly.
- ✗ Assuming everyone online is friendly and trustworthy.
- ✗ Ignoring warning signs or uncomfortable feelings during conversations.

QUICK RECAP

Online strangers are people you meet online but don't know personally. Always protect your information and trust your instincts when communicating with them.