

FOR FAMILIES · GRADES 3-5

Tricks and traps online: a family page

Today your child learned to spot red flags in online tricks: free game currency offers, fake prizes, messages pretending to be a friend, requests for personal information and AI-made pictures that look real. The safe move is to pause, check with a trusted adult and use the real app. Children never get in trouble for telling.



WHAT YOUR CHILD LEARNED AT SCHOOL



Tricks want you to hurry, keep a secret or hand over something. When you spot a red flag, pause and check with a trusted adult before you click, share or believe.



Try this at home

- 1 Ask your child to show you the red flags they learned. Next time an ad or message pops up on a family device, play "spot the red flag" together.
- 2 Review game settings together: who can chat with your child, whether purchases need a password, and how to use the report and block buttons.
- 3 Agree on a family rule: nobody in the family shares a login code, even with someone who says they are a friend or the game company.



Conversation starters

- What is a trick you have seen in a game or video that promised something free?
- How could you check if a message from a friend's account is really from your friend?
- If you see a picture or video that looks real but seems strange, what can you do?
- What would make it easy for you to tell me if you clicked something by mistake?



Household tip

Real prizes never ask you to pay first, and real companies never ask for your login code. If a message says hurry, pause and check through the official app or website you already know.



Watch the free 2-minute lesson together
k12cyberforward.com/learn/student-message-map

Questions? Contact your child's teacher or school office: