

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Controlled writing assessment

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In the era we live in, new technologies are everywhere and everyday a new one appear. Most often than not these technologies are connected to internet. This is the Internet Of Things. This is a wonderful thing that open a universe a possibilities to simplify our everyday life. However, being connected to internet, means that internet is connected to you.

I like to compare internet to the street. You wouldn't think about letting your front door wide open or letting your child running in the street without teaching him how to behave in it. There are rules to move around while being safe.

First rule of internet, if it is on internet everyone can see it. Posting something online is like putting it on a street wall. However, on internet, this is much worse, because in most case what your doing can be seen for years after you've done it. A comment on an Instagram post, a reply to a tweet, a like on a Youtube comment can all be seen. Some would arguee that an Instagram post can be private and be only seen by a selected few. This is actually false, someone you trusted can take it and post it elsewhere or your account can be broke into and revealed to the world. Internet is a master at luring you into a false sense of security. And, do not believe that you can delete what you posted; which is part of the second rule.

Second rule of internet, what is on internet stays on internet. It means that once something has been posted online you must assume that you will not be able to take it down. In most case, you can, if done quick and on something not major. However, what you want to be deleted the most is what you will not able to take down. The most embarassing something is, the widest it will spread. In the end, it is easier to get into the mindset that everything will stay on internet. That means that you will think before posting something.

Last rule, do not think your safe. Same as everywhere, some people will want to take advantage of you. Kids need to be aware that strangers are not trustworthy. We teach kids that they should not take candies from strangers. Well, free stuff from strangers on internet is exactly the same, that is a big NO. Futhermore, everything you do is recorded and used. For exemple on Netflix you can downloaded a history of everything you watched and the date you watched it. On every website you are monitored and need to keep that in mind.

Moreover, the last rule apply to all devices and accounts. Keep safe and lock what is important behing strong password. Then, do not put those passwords in a small frail wooden box marked "PASSWORDS" right next to your front door. Remember your passwords or store them somewhere safe, do not put them in a text file on your desktop.

To conclude, don't be lured in a false sense of security with new technologies. When in doubt on what you should do : act how you would act in the street.