



Social Media Savvy Stories

For 6-9 year olds:

1. 'The Mystery of the Missing Pup'

- Once upon a time, a friendly dog named Spot got a new friend request from a dog named Fido on DoggieBook. Fido shared exciting stories about adventures he'd had. But when Spot's owner, a smart girl named Lily, looked closer at Fido's profile, she noticed all his photos were of different dogs! Lily told Spot that Fido might not be a real dog after all, and they decided not to share any personal barks on DoggieBook with Fido.

2. 'The Tale of the Too-Tall Bunny'

- Binky Bunny received a message on AnimalChat from Jumpy Rabbit, who said he was the tallest rabbit in the world. Binky was curious and wanted to meet him. But, Binky's friend, Wise Owl, suggested they ask for a photo of Jumpy standing next to a carrot for scale. When Jumpy kept making excuses and not sending the photo, they realised Jumpy might not be who he said he was. Binky learned to be cautious and not meet anyone from AnimalChat without verifying them first.

For 10-13 year olds:

1. 'The Case of the Celebrity Gamer'

- Tom, an avid gamer, got a friend request from someone claiming to be a famous eSports player. Tom was excited and nearly shared his game tactics with this new friend. But his sister Sarah reminded him to verify first. They searched for the eSports player's official profiles and noticed that the account messaging Tom had fewer followers and different posts. They reported the account and Tom learned the importance of cross-checking information.

2. 'The Adventure of the Invisible Soccer Star'

- Olivia, a soccer enthusiast, was thrilled when she got a message from someone claiming to be a renowned soccer player. She almost shared her school name for a potential visit. However, her brother Jake suggested they look up some interviews with the player online. When the manner of speaking didn't match the messages she'd received, Olivia realised it might be a catfish. They decided to report the account and Olivia learned to question before sharing personal details.

For 14-17 year olds:

1. 'The Mystery of the Charismatic Stranger'

- Alex met Chris on a social networking site. Chris seemed to be perfect, sharing Alex's taste in music and films. Just when Alex was about to meet Chris in person, Alex's friend, Dana, suggested running a reverse image search on Chris's profile picture. The picture turned out to be from a model's portfolio. Alex confronted Chris, who then disappeared, reinforcing the importance of verifying online identities.

2. 'The Phantom Music Producer'

- Emma, an aspiring singer, was approached online by someone claiming to be a music producer, offering to help boost her career. Emma was on the verge of sending her home address for some 'demo equipment'. Her friend Max, a tech geek, insisted they should look up the producer's credits and online presence. Nothing substantial turned up, raising suspicions. Emma decided against sharing her address, averting a potential risk and understanding the significance of double-checking online identities.