

INTERNET VS PARENTS

Parents considerably under-estimate the risks their children are exposed to online, according to new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The truth of the matter is that you can help to provide a safe surfing environment for kids at home through supervision and by following a few simple guidelines. **Stay SMART:**

- 5 **S** - Staying safe involves being careful and not giving out your name, address, mobile, school name or password to people online.

M - Meeting someone you meet in cyberspace can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' permission and when they are present.

- 10 **A** - Accepting e-mails or opening files from people you don't really know or trust can get you into trouble – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

R - Remember someone online may be lying and not be who he or she say they are. If you feel uncomfortable when chatting or messaging end the conversation.

T - Tell your parent if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried.

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READING COMPREHENSION

A. After reading the text, answer the following questions about it.

1. To whom is this text directed?
2. According to new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science, what do parents normally under-estimate?
3. How can children stay safe online?
4. Should a child go on with the online conversation if he/she feels uncomfortable?

B. Find words in the text that are opposites of the following.

1. adults (paragraph 1)
2. lie (paragraph 2)
3. complex (paragraph 2)
4. careless (paragraph 3)
5. safe (paragraph 4)

C. Who do the following words refer to?

1. their (line1)
2. your (line7)
3. they (line10)
4. they (line11)

D. Establish connections between the sentences on the left and the ones on the right.

1. New research from the London School of Economics and Political Science... ☐
2. There are five suggestions in order to stay safe online... ☐
3. Whenever you want to chat to someone online... ☐
4. If you don't like what you are being told... ☐

- ☐ a. ... and they are briefly called SMART
- ☐ b. ... end the conversation.
- ☐ c. ... has proved that parents ignore the dangers their children experience online.
- ☐ d. ... make sure your parents are around.

GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the gaps with one of the following modal verbs: *may, should, shouldn't or mustn't*.

You (1) _____ keep your computer in a public, open room. This is so simple! Having a computer in a bedroom with the door closed (2) _____ not be a good idea. You (3) _____ give your children the Internet password! If you are already online and they have access to the password, you (4) _____ maintain the password.

B. Fill in the gaps in the text with the past simple of the verbs given.

Tim (1) _____ (be) worried about his children, so he set a strict time limit for them to be on the net and by doing so he (2) _____ (reduce) the temptation factor. He (3) _____ (sign) on with an ISP that has time limits built in. It automatically (4) _____ (disconnect) the user after fifteen minutes.

C. Choose the correct option in order to fill the gaps with the comparative of superiority of the adjectives given.

1. It's _____ (more interesting / interestinger) to search for sports scores on the net than to do a school research paper.
2. Nowadays, the Internet is _____ (cheaper / more cheap) than it was some years ago.
3. Communicating with friends and colleagues is now _____ (easier / easier) than before.
4. E-mails can get you into trouble because some of them have _____ (more unreliable / most unreliable) content than some sites.

D. Complete the following dialogue by putting the verbs given in brackets in the present perfect.

- Jack:** It is certainly unfortunate that governments (1) _____ (not / take) sufficient action to counter wrong uses of the Web.
- James:** Yes, that's true. And because the Internet is a sort of worldwide library – which gives access to anyone, anything, anywhere, in seconds – the dangers and temptations (2) _____ (be) real.
- Jack:** Some Internet companies (3) _____ (offer) filtered Internet access which blocks access to the overwhelming majority of porn sites. Alternatively you can buy an add-on filtering and continue to use your existing internet provider.
- James:** You're right, but these systems cannot completely block everything, and in the process legitimate sites (4) _____ (be) blocked too.

WRITING

A. Do you agree that parents should control what their children do on the Internet? Do you think there are many dangers in that environment? Write about 100 words about this issue.

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TEST SPECIFICATION

Reading Comprehension

- A.** $4 \times 5 = 20$
B. $5 \times 4 = 20$
C. $4 \times 5 = 20$
D. $4 \times 5 = 20$

Grammar

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Writing

40

Total

200