

“Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself from Online Scams”

Year 3

National Safer Internet Day 2025



Teacher Input, discussion and
Seesaw Activity for Year 3



Hello

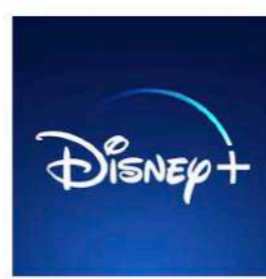
Alan Ellis / @mralanellis



Knowsley Principal Learning Technologies Officer.
Apple Distinguished Educator. Apple Learning Coach,
Google Certified Educator. Book Creator Ambassador.
Seesaw Ambassador.

Does anyone know what the **internet** is?

Good morning, everyone! Today is Safer Internet Day! We're going to talk about staying safe when we use the internet.



Allow children to share answers.

The internet

Hands up if you've ever played a game on a tablet, watched videos on YouTube, or talked to someone using a phone or computer.

Did you know all of those things use the internet?

The internet is fun and helpful, but we need to know how to use it safely. Sometimes, people on the internet try to trick us. These tricks are called scams.

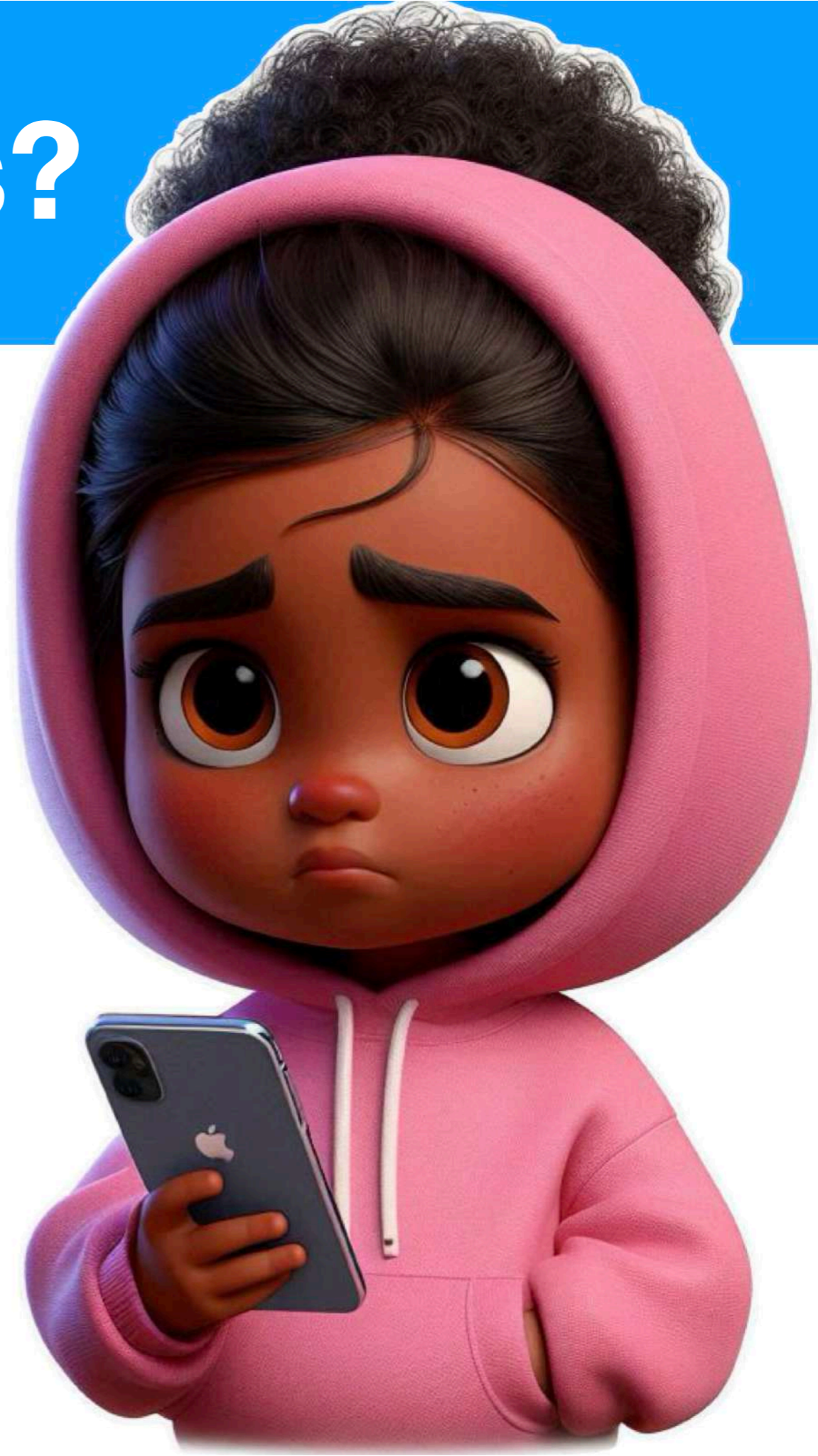


What are scams?

Scams are tricks that people use to try to get something from us.

It could be our money, our password, or even our personal information like our name or where we live.

These tricks might look fun or exciting, but they're not safe.



Let me tell you about a few ways scammers might try to trick us online.

Example 1: Fake Prizes

Imagine you're playing your favourite game, and a big message pops up saying:

'You've won a free Nintendo Switch! Click here to claim your prize!'

Wow, that sounds amazing, right? But guess what? It's a trick!

If you click on it, it might make your tablet or computer sick with a virus or ask for your personal information.

That's what we call a scam.

Example 2: Fake Messages

Now imagine someone sends you a message saying:

'I'm your friend! Give me your password so I can help you win this game.'

But it's not your friend—it's someone pretending to be them!

If you give them your password, they could mess up your game or take your account.

That's another scam.

Example 3: Too-Good-To-Be-True Offers

Sometimes, scammers make things look too good to be true, like free Robux for your game or an expensive prize.

But if it seems too good to be true, it's probably a trick.



What do you like doing online?



Year 3: The Friend Request

Sofia is a friendly and curious 7-year-old who loves playing online games where she can meet other players.

She's always excited to win and improve her skills. Recently, while playing, Sofia received a friend request from someone she doesn't know called 'CoolGamer123.'

They've offered to help her win if she sends them some of her game coins. Sofia isn't sure what to do and wonders if she can trust this person.

Let's talk about how Sofia can stay safe while playing games and making friends online.



Year 3: The Friend Request

Sofia is playing an online game when she gets a friend request from someone called 'CoolGamer123.' The person says, 'I'll help you win the game if you send me some coins.' Sofia doesn't know this person but really wants to win.

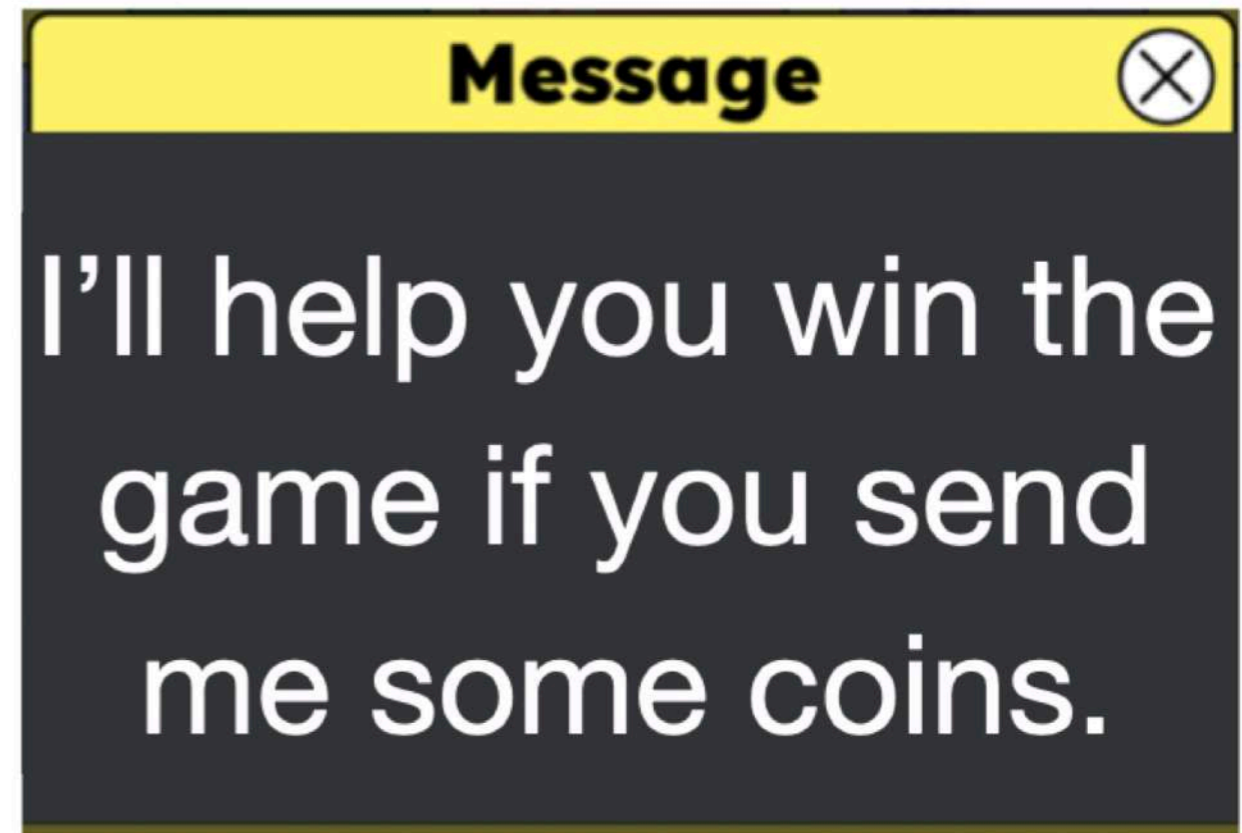
Discussion Questions:

Is it safe for Sofia to accept the friend request? Why or why not?

Why might someone ask for coins in a game?

What could happen if Sofia shares her game coins or personal details with someone she doesn't know?

How can Sofia protect herself while playing online games?



Year 3: The Friend Request

Scenario Answer:

Sofia should NOT accept the friend request. It's not safe to share game coins or personal details with strangers online.

Why is it a Scam?

Scammers pretend to be helpful but might want to trick Sofia into giving them something valuable or harm her account.

What to Do Next:

Only accept friend requests from people you know in real life. If someone you don't know messages you, tell a trusted adult straight away.





National
Online
Safety®

78%

of young people have received
friend requests in an online game
from people they didn't know

Source: UK Safer Internet Centre



How to Stay Safe

Don't worry, we can all stay safe on the internet if we remember a few important rules. Let's learn them together!

1. Stop and Think
2. Ask a Grown-Up for Help
3. Don't Share Personal Information
4. Click Carefully



Teacher's Script:

1. Stop and Think:

“If you see something that looks too good to be true, stop and think. Does it make sense? Would someone really give you a unicorn for free?”

2. Ask a Grown-Up for Help:

“If you're not sure about something, always ask a grown-up. Your parents, carers, or teachers are here to help you. If you see something strange, come and tell us!”

3. Don't Share Personal Information:

“Never give your name, address, or any other details to someone you don't know on the internet. Even if they say they're giving you a prize, keep your information safe!”

4. Click Carefully:

“Don't click on things unless you're sure they're safe. Remember, not everything on the internet is true.”

Well done, everyone!

“You’ve learned so much about staying safe online. Remember, if something seems too good to be true, it’s probably a trick. And if you’re ever unsure, what should you do?”

“Ask a grown-up for help!”

“Great job! Now you’re all Internet Safety Superstars! Let’s go have some fun and stay safe online!”



Model using Seesaw to complete the design of a warning poster for gamers called 'Spot the Scam':

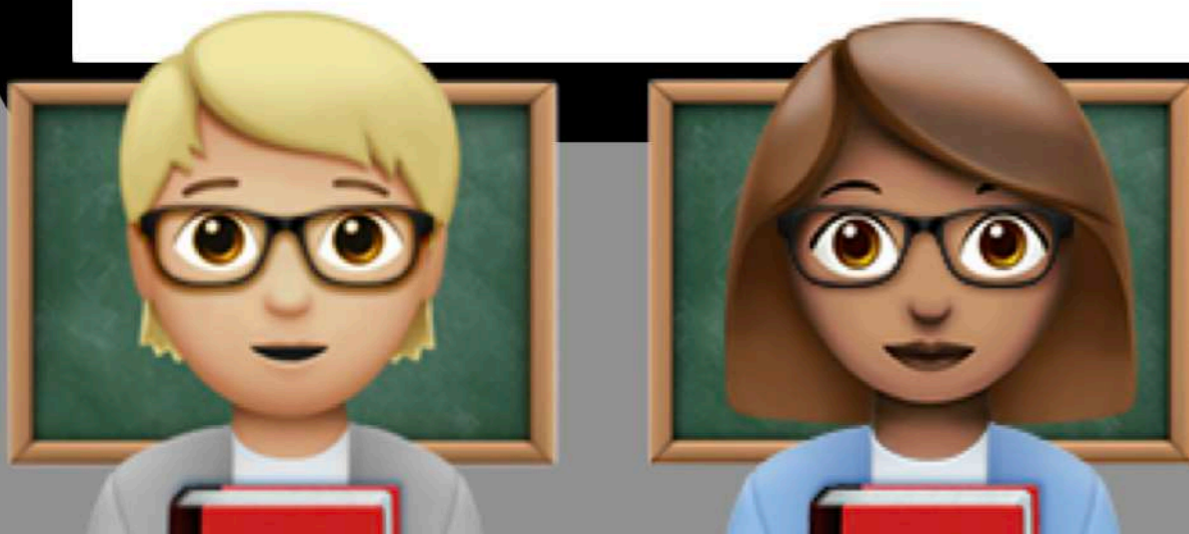
Children will create an eye-catching warning poster to help other gamers identify and avoid scam messages in games. This activity ties into Safer Internet Day 2025 and focuses on the dangers of scam messages in games, such as fake friend requests, free item offers, or phishing attempts.

Encourage creativity and show the children how to draw and use shapes, emojis and text:

Add speech bubbles to show what the scam message might look like.

Draw a character who spots the scam and says something like, "That's a trick—don't click!"

Use bold colours and symbols like red crosses or warning signs to make the dangers clear.



Seesaw Activity

Scam messages in games

These are tricks that some people use to try and steal your information or take things from you. Scam messages can happen when you're playing games online, and they might look friendly or exciting, but they're not safe.

Let's think about the kinds of scam messages you might see when playing games. I'll read some examples, and you tell me what you think:

1. 'Click here to get 1,000 free Robux!'
2. 'Add me as a friend, and I'll send you free coins!'
3. 'Your account will be deleted unless you click this link!'



Discuss as a class

Why might these messages not be safe?

What should you do if you see a message like this?

Who can help you if you're not sure what to do?"



Designing the Poster

Your poster should:

1. Include a big title, like 'Spot the Scam!' or 'Stay Safe in Games!'
2. Show an example of a scam message (you can copy one of the examples we talked about or make up your own).
3. Include tips for staying safe in games.
4. Use bright colours, bold writing, and fun drawings to make it stand out."

Scam Message Examples to Include:

- "Click here for free coins!"
- "Give me your password, and I'll help you win."
- "Your account will be banned unless you click this link!"



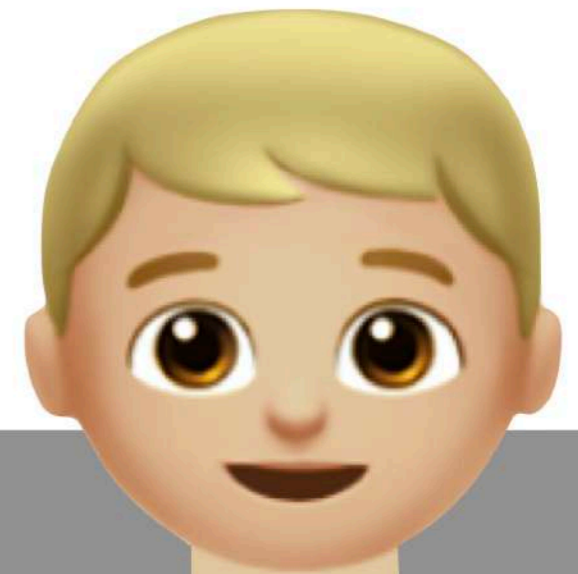
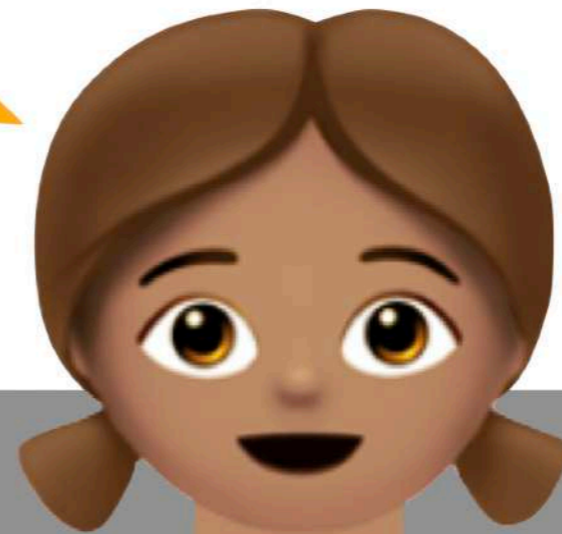
Tips to Include on the Poster

- “Don’t click on links in messages!”
- “Never share your password!”
- “Only accept friend requests from people you know.”
- “Ask a trusted adult if you’re unsure.”





Let's open Seesaw and design a poster to raise awareness of scam messages in games.



What's your favourite device & app?

A large smartphone frame containing a survey question. The text inside the frame reads: "What's your favourite digital device and app/game?" followed by "Why?". A blue dashed line forms a path around the text, starting from a heart emoji at the top right, going down to a microphone icon, then left to another heart emoji, then down to a third heart emoji, and finally right to a fourth heart emoji at the bottom right. There are also several other heart and love-related emojis scattered around the text.

Use the pen tool to circle your favourites.

Chat

NewFriend-Gamer24

Search

Create Chat Group

- Stickmasterluke, totbl, Ca...
Yes, you may take a selfie with ...
- Caelestene
Hi hi hi
- jynj2912
Use chat now!!!
- Voozy, Caelestene, Guru
IT'S FREEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!

:D!

Caelestene
Let's chat and share pics!!!

2:05 PM




Who are you? hehe :D

Stickmasterluke
A new friend.

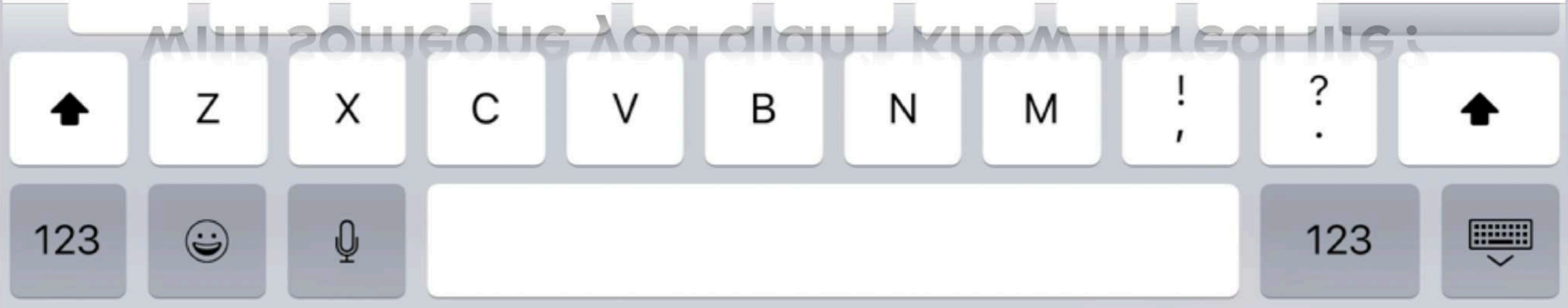
2:12 PM

I should tell my mum. ke

Send a message ...

 **No**  **Yes**  **Why?**

Have you ever chatted or played games online with someone you didn't know in real life?



My poster design:

Year Three Seesaw Workbook



What's your favourite device & app 1 / 3

Use the pen tool to circle your favourites.

View as Pupil

Teacher Notes (not visible to pupils)

Model using Seesaw to complete the design of a warning poster for gamers called 'Spot the Scam': Children will create an eye-catching warning poster to help other gamers identify and avoid scam messages in games. This activity ties into Safer Internet Day 2025 and focuses on the dangers of scam messages in games, such as fake friend requests, free item offers, or phishing attempts. Encourage creativity and show the children how to draw and use shapes, emojis and text: Add speech bubbles to show what the scam message might look like. Draw a character who spots the scam and says something like, "That's a trick—don't click!" Use bold colours and symbols like red

Alan Ellis

Present to Class Assign

Year 3 - Safer Internet Day

Instructions for Pupils

Tap [Add Response](#)

Page 1: Tell me about your favourite app/game. 🎧

Page 2: Have you ever received a scam message or a message from someone you didn't know in real life? Tell me what happened. 🎧 🗨️

Page: Design and create a poster about scam messages in games. 🖋️

T

Share your work ✅

[Click to assign Seesaw activity.](#)