



i-Buddy Times

Are You a Good Cyber Citizen???

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i-BUDDY wants to know: Are you a good cyber citizen? That can be a tough question to answer, so let's break it down. When you're online, do you follow the rules that i-SAFE has taught you? Do you ask an adult for help? Are you safe and careful online? Do you use good netiquette?



Netiquette, what's that? Never heard of it before? In this issue of the i-BUDDY Times, we will be teaching you about netiquette. i-BUDDY knows netiquette is an important part of being a good cyber citizen. It means treating others online in a nice way—with respect. Let's get started learning how!



Think
about
it...



Name some manners you think should be displayed online?

Why is it important to be nice and use manners online?

Netiquette = Cyber Citizenship

- **Don't hurt others' feelings online.** When you are online, people can't tell when you're joking. If you say or write something online, make sure you are clear if you are joking.
- **Respect people's online rights.** Just like offline, don't say mean things or make threats.
- **If someone insults you, don't respond.** It could be that they didn't think before they said it. But even if they meant to be insulting, don't make it worse. Just ignore it.
- **Respect the privacy of others.** Don't reveal secrets online or blab stuff like passwords, names, etc. This includes your own private information.
- **Be responsible online.** When you are online, you're in control. Use that power responsibly. Don't spread rumors, take things (like music, movies, etc.) that don't belong to you, or forward spam e-mails.
- **Be yourself.** Don't pretend to be someone you aren't while online.



Using Acronyms and Emoticons



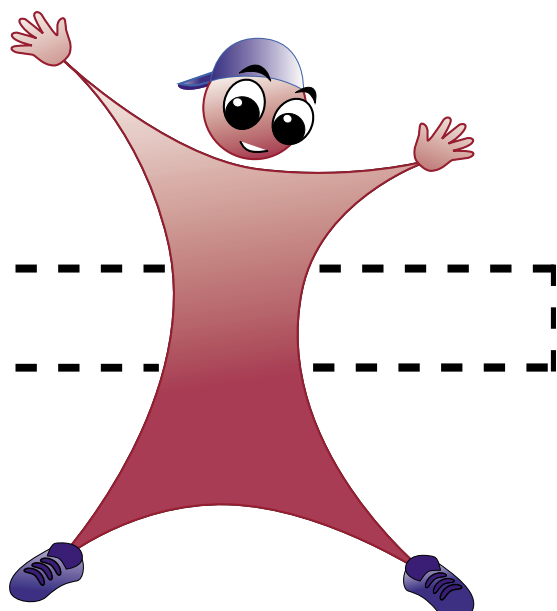
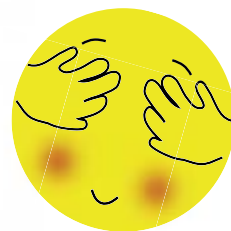
Wow! Those are some long words! What do they mean? Acronyms are letters that are used to stand for words. Like BRB, which is computer lingo for Be Right Back! Emoticons use keyboard characters to make smiley faces and such to show when you are joking. For example :-)

Acronyms and emoticons are a good way to get across your point and show how you're feel-

ing. Sometimes you say things that are meant as a joke. It's easy to show that by adding a smiley or an acronym.

We've got an activity for you. See if you can match each of the following acronyms or emoticons with what they stand for! Draw a line from the acronym/emoticon to what it means.

LOL	<J>	That Stinks	Frowning
:-(:-P	Just Kidding	Surprised
JK	PU	Sticking Tongue Out	Are You Ok
:-O	RUOK	Laughing Out Loud	Joking



The i-BUDDY Finger Puppet

Cut around the i-BUDDY figure, and tape the tabs together to make a finger puppet.

Options:

- 1) Cut out the shape of i-BUDDY from felt, and glue on the features.
- 2) Enlarge and cut out to make an armband.

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