



VOCABULARY BANK

Safety and Rules

Safety and Rules | Bank 2: online safety, school rules and personal safety | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
online safety	☐	☐	☐
personal information	☐	☐	☐
privacy settings	☐	☐	☐
strong password	☐	☐	☐
unknown link	☐	☐	☐
cyberbullying	☐	☐	☐
school rules	☐	☐	☐
report a problem	☐	☐	☐
warning sign	☐	☐	☐
take precautions	☐	☐	☐
protect yourself	☐	☐	☐
safe choice	☐	☐	☐

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Online safety	online safety, personal information, privacy settings, strong password, unknown link, protect yourself
Problems	cyberbullying, scam message, warning sign, unsafe situation, report a problem, ask for help
Rules and choices	school rules, safe choice, take precautions, follow advice, avoid risks, be sensible
Opinion chunks	Students should protect themselves by..., It is risky to..., A strong password helps because..., People should report..., School rules are useful when...

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

Word or phrase	Meaning
1. online safety	a. controls that decide who can see your online information
2. personal information	b. do things in advance to avoid danger or problems
3. privacy settings	c. ways of staying safe when using the internet
4. cyberbullying	d. something that shows there may be danger or a problem
5. take precautions	e. private details such as name, address or phone number
6. warning sign	f. bullying that happens online or through digital messages

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

online safety	personal information	privacy settings
strong password	unknown link	warning sign
school rules	take precautions	protect yourself

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Staying Safe Online and at School

Students use the internet for learning, entertainment and communication, so **online safety** is an important everyday skill.

One basic rule is to protect **personal information**. Students should use a **strong password** and check their **privacy settings** carefully.

People should not click an **unknown link** or reply to a message that seems suspicious. These can be a **warning sign** of a scam.

School rules also help students make safe choices. If someone experiences **cyberbullying** or feels unsafe, they should report the problem and ask for help.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. Why is online safety an important skill?

2. How can students protect personal information?

3. Why should people avoid unknown links?

4. What should students do if they experience cyberbullying?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'privacy settings' mean?

- A. Controls that decide who can see your online information
- B. A public road sign
- C. A rule about school uniform
- D. A type of sports equipment

What is the writer's main advice?

- A. Students should take precautions and ask for help when needed.
- B. Unknown links are always safe.
- C. Passwords are not important.
- D. Cyberbullying should be ignored.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe one way students can protect themselves online.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: Are school rules mainly helpful or annoying?
Writing	Write a short paragraph giving advice about online safety.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What personal information should not be shared online?
- How can students recognise a scam message?
- Why are strong passwords useful?
- What school rule helps students stay safe?
- How should people respond to cyberbullying?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = ways of staying safe when using the internet
2. e = private details such as name, address or phone number
3. a = controls that decide who can see your online information
4. f = bullying that happens online or through digital messages
5. b = do things in advance to avoid danger or problems
6. d = something that shows there may be danger or a problem

6. Check your understanding

1. Students use the internet for learning, entertainment and communication.
2. Use a strong password and check privacy settings.
3. They may be a warning sign of a scam.
4. Report the problem and ask for help.

MCQ 1: A. Controls that decide who can see your online information.

MCQ 2: A. Students should take precautions and ask for help when needed.