

The Power of Words

*** DID YOU KNOW ...**

Author Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read."

Match the words to their definition

digital citizen	information that can't be used to identify you, such as your age, gender, how many brothers and sisters you have, your favorite food, etc.
personal information	a member of a worldwide community linked by the Internet
private information	when a thief steals someone's private information in order to pretend to be that person
identity theft	information that can be used to identify you, such as your Social Security number, postal address, email address, phone number, etc.

*** WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Why is it a bad idea to send mean or scary messages online? How is this like what Mark Twain said?

*** DO YOU REMEMBER ...**

What you should do when someone uses mean or scary language on the Internet?

1. Family Activity

With a family member, create a comic strip about a cyberbullying situation. In the first frame, show the cyberbullying scenario: Who says something mean and hurtful, to whom is it said, and what exactly is said? In the next frame, show how the recipient might feel when receiving the message. In the last frame, show a positive outcome of the situation, which might involve confiding in a trusted adult.

2. Tech It Up!

Use Make Beliefs Comix (www.makebeliefscomix.com) or Comic Life (Comiclfe.com), free online tools, to make your comic online.

3. Common Sense Says ...

Cyberbullying is using technology tools such as the Internet and cell phones to deliberately upset someone else, and cyberbullying is NOT OK. Never say something online that would hurt someone's feelings if you said it to his or her face.

