

MARLO TEACHES YOU ABOUT HACKERS, SCAMS AND ONLINE BULLIES

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Keeping You Safe in Cyberspace

INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone! My name is Marlo and I'm a 6 year old girl from Australia. I love spending time on the internet, watching funny videos, playing games and learning new things. But my parents always remind me to be careful when I use the internet because there are some bad people out there who try to trick and harm others online.

This book is about a very important topic that all kids (and adults) need to know about - online hackers, scammers and bullies. These are people who use the internet in bad ways to hurt or take advantage of others. They may seem smart or cool, but they are actually doing very bad things.

In this book, I will talk about what these people do and how we can protect ourselves from them. I have learned a lot from my parents, teachers and other grown-ups who are experts on internet safety. And now I want to share this knowledge with you, so that we can all be safe and have fun online.

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my youngest granddaughter, Marlo. As I sit down to write about internet hackers, scams, and bullies, I am reminded of the distance that separates us physically. But even though we may be miles apart, my love for you knows no bounds.

I know that as a young girl growing up in this digital age, you are exposed to all sorts of dangers and threats on the internet. And while I may not always be there to protect you, my hope is that this book will serve as a guide and resource for you.

I dedicate this book to you with the intention of arming you with knowledge and awareness about these issues so that you can navigate the online world safely and confidently. You are a bright and curious soul, Marlo, and I have no doubt that you will use this knowledge to protect yourself and others.

Always remember that no matter where life takes you or how far we may be from each other, my love for you remains constant. This book is my way of showing you just how much you mean to me and how much I want to keep you safe.

May this book be a reminder of my love and a source of guidance for you in this digital world. Stay curious, stay safe, and never forget that I am always here for you.

With all my love,

Grandma (AKA) GrannieGeek

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NOT EVERYONE ON THE INTERNET IS NICE

Marlo was a bright and curious 6 year old girl who loved to explore the world around her. She lived in Australia, a beautiful country with diverse landscapes and unique wildlife. Marlo had just started learning how to use the internet under her parents' supervision, and she found it fascinating.

However, as she delved deeper into the world of the internet, Marlo began to discover that not everything was as innocent and exciting as she initially thought. She learned about hackers, scammers, and bullies - people who used the internet for their own selfish gain or to hurt others.

Marlo didn't understand why these kinds of people existed on the internet. She asked her parents and teachers about it, but their explanations were hard for her to grasp. So, she decided to write a short story about it and share it with others.

In her story, Marlo imagined the internet as a large city where people from all over the world could connect and communicate with each other. She described how

everyone seemed friendly and welcoming at first, just like in a real city. But then she introduced the characters of hackers, scammers, and bullies.

Marlo explained how hackers were like the thieves in the city. They would break into other people's accounts and steal their personal information or cause disruptions for fun. Scammers were like con artists who tricked people into giving them money or valuable things through false promises and lies. Bullies were like mean kids on the playground who used the internet to hurt others with their words and actions.

Marlo's story was eye-opening for many kids her age who read it. They learned that while the internet was a wonderful tool for learning and connecting, it also had its dangers. Just like in the real world, there were people on the internet who would try to take advantage of others or spread negativity.

WHAT IS A HACKER?

Once upon a time, in a small town in Australia, there lived a little girl named Marlo. She was 6 years old and loved to play with her friends, explore nature and read books about robots and computers.

One day, while playing on her tablet, she received a strange message from someone she didn't know. The message said: "Hello Marlo, I am a hacker and I have hacked into your tablet. If you want to keep using it, you will have to do as I say."

Marlo was scared and didn't understand what a hacker was. She asked her parents, who explained that a hacker is someone who uses their computer skills to break into other people's devices and steal their information.

Marlo was shocked and worried. She didn't want a stranger to have access to her tablet and her personal information. She knew she had to do something about it.

She remembered reading in one of her books that hackers can be stopped if you have good security measures in place. Marlo quickly asked her parents to install anti-virus software and change her passwords.

After that, Marlo learned how to use her tablet safely and responsibly. She also realized that not all hackers are bad people. Some of them use their skills for good, like protecting computer systems from other hackers who want to do harm.

Marlo's parents were proud of her for being proactive and staying safe online. They reminded her that it's important to always be careful with the information she shares on the internet and to never talk to strangers online.

From that day on, Marlo made sure to follow all the safety measures and used her tablet responsibly. She also became interested in learning more about computers and coding so she could protect herself and others from hackers.

Together with her friends, Marlo created a club where they learned more about technology and how to stay safe online. They even invited a cyber security expert to teach them more about hackers and how to protect their devices.

Marlo's story teaches us that it's never too early to learn about cyber security and the importance of staying safe online. By being proactive and responsible, we can all help prevent hackers from causing harm in our digital world. So, let's all take Marlo's lead and be cyber smart! Keep

exploring, learning and having fun online but always remember to stay safe. The end .

MY EXPERIENCE WITH SCAMMERS

I had a scary experience with someone called a "scammer". Let me tell you all about it.

It all started when I was playing on my tablet. Suddenly, a message popped up that said I won a prize. I was so excited and clicked on the link without thinking twice. That's when things started to go wrong.

The link took me to a website where I had to fill in my personal information, like my name and address. I thought it was weird but I really wanted that prize so I did it anyway. After submitting my information, the screen froze and a message appeared saying I needed to pay a fee before I could claim my prize.

I was confused and scared, so I showed the message to my mom. She immediately recognized it as a scam and explained to me what that meant. Scammers are people who trick others into giving away their personal information or money. They promise you something but in reality, they just want to take advantage of you.

My mom helped me report the website and we also changed all our account passwords, just to be safe. I was relieved that nothing bad happened and learned a valuable lesson from this experience.

I now know to never click on suspicious links or give away my personal information without my parents' permission. Scammers can be very sneaky and it's important for everyone to be aware of them. I hope my story can help other kids like me stay safe online. Remember, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is a scam! Stay safe and always ask an adult for help.

The internet can be a wonderful place where we can learn new things, connect with friends and family, and have fun. However, just like the real world, there are also dangers lurking online. Scammers are one of those dangers and it's important for everyone, especially children, to be aware of them.

Scammers use different tactics to trick people into giving away their personal information or money. They may pretend to be someone they're not, like a company or a friend, in order to gain your trust. They can also create fake websites or messages that look real, but are actually designed to steal your information.

It's important to always be cautious and skeptical when using the internet. Never click on suspicious links or give away personal information without verifying it first. Always remember to ask an adult for help if you're not sure about something.

ONLINE BULLIES

Marlo loved going to school and playing with her friends during recess. But one day, something changed.

While scrolling through her favorite app on her tablet, Marlo noticed some mean comments about her on a post she had shared. She couldn't believe it - someone was calling her names and saying hurtful things. Marlo felt confused and sad, she didn't understand why someone would say such mean things to her.

Feeling upset, Marlo told her mom about what was happening. Her mom explained that there are some people who use the internet to be mean to others, they're called online bullies. Marlo couldn't believe that someone who didn't even know her could be so mean.

Her mom reminded her that it's important to always be kind, both in person and online. She also taught Marlo about the importance of staying safe on the internet, and how to handle bullying online.

Marlo took her mom's advice and decided to block the mean person's comments and not let them bother her. She also talked to her teacher about it, who helped her feel better about the situation.

In the end, Marlo learned that online bullies are just like regular bullies - they're unhappy with themselves and take their anger out on others. But she also learned that she doesn't have to listen to them and that she has the power to stand up for herself and others. From then on, Marlo made sure to always spread kindness both in person and online, and she never let an online bully get her down again.

This experience taught Marlo a valuable lesson about being kind and staying safe on the internet. And from that day forward, she knew that no matter what anyone said to her online, she would always be strong and stand up for herself. So whenever you see someone being mean online, remember Marlo's story and make sure to spread kindness instead. You never know who might need it the most. #BeKindOnline

*Remember: Online bullying is not okay. If you or someone you know is experiencing bullying online, make sure to talk to a trusted adult about it.

Let's make sure the internet is filled with love, kindness, and respect for all.

ADVICE FROM MARLO

As a 6-year-old girl living in Australia, I love to play games and watch funny videos on my iPad. But my parents are always telling me to be careful when I'm online. They say there are bad people out there who might try to hurt me or trick me into doing something I shouldn't. They even told me about hackers, scammers and bullies who do mean things on the Internet.

.So, I did some research and talked to my parents about it. Here are some important tips that I learned and want to share with other kids like me.

Protect Your Personal Information

Always remember not to give out your personal information online. This includes your full name, home address, phone number, or password. Only share this information with people you know and trust in real life. It's important to keep your personal information safe.

Be Careful When Clicking Links

It's fun to click on links that take us to different websites or videos. But sometimes, these links can be dangerous. They

might take us to a website that has a virus or try to scam us into giving away our personal information. So, always ask your parents before clicking on any links, even if they look interesting.

Never Meet Up With Strangers

No matter how friendly someone seems online, never agree to meet up with them in real life without your parents' permission. Some people pretend to be friendly just to trick you into meeting up with them. Always talk to your parents before agreeing to meet anyone in person.

Be Cautious When Downloading Apps or Games

There are so many fun apps and games available on the Internet, but not all of them are safe for kids. Some might have inappropriate content or try to scam you into making in-app purchases. So, always ask your parents before downloading any apps or games.

Talk to Your Parents

If you ever come across anything online that makes you uncomfortable or worried, always talk to your parents about it. They are there to help and protect you. Don't be afraid to tell them if someone is being mean to you or

trying to trick you. Remember, it's always better to be safe than sorry.

I hope these tips will help you stay safe and have fun while using the Internet. Just remember, never give out your personal information, always ask for permission before clicking on links or downloading apps, and talk to your parents if you ever feel unsafe online.

Stay safe and happy surfing!

But don't worry!

**There are ways to
stay safe online too!**



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