

Netiquette



Age-level: Cadette

Pillar: STEM

Badge Description: Our digital world makes it easy to stay in touch and share friendships, memories, and ideas. But—there are embarrassing stories of people hitting the send button too soon. Earn this badge and learn all about knowing how to make positive choices in the online world.

1. Explore the “oops” and “wow!” moments.
 - Brainstorm some “oops” and “wow” tips with family. Spend at least a half hour sharing these two kinds of moments—those you’ve heard about from friends and family or those you’ve read about. Then discuss tips you can learn from these real-life stories.
2. Dig into “ouch” stories and repair some hurt if necessary.
 - Start a kindness practice. Everyday for two weeks, go out of your way to send a message via text, e-mail, or social media praising others for something well done. Notice how they respond and use that information to add tips to your list.
3. Look at email, commenting, or blogging.
 - Find your best commenting voice by finding five examples of useful comments and five not-so-great comments. Review them—what do they have in common? What rules would you add to your list about useful commenting?
4. Decide what makes a great social media profile.
 - Get feedback on a profile of your own. Create a profile you might use for an online group. Then ask for feedback from your family.
5. Spread better practices.
 - Make a netiquette pledge. With what you have learned, create a netiquette pledge, then share it with your family.

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