Build & Talk ADVENTURES

FALSE INFORMATION ONLINE

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INTRODUCTION FOR THE GROWN-UP

HOW THIS PACK WORKS

This is an interactive adventure where you are the narrator. The story will inspire your child to create a made-up LEGO® creature. As they build you'll find a few questions to ask them to start a conversation on the topic. Don't worry if some of the questions aren't relevant – they're just a guide to get you talking together.

BEFORE YOU START

Flick through the story yourself so you understand how it works.

GOT IT?

Then let's begin! Start reading from the next page.

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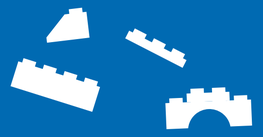

Use any LEGO bricks
(No bricks? Draw instead!)

Find a quiet spot
to sit together

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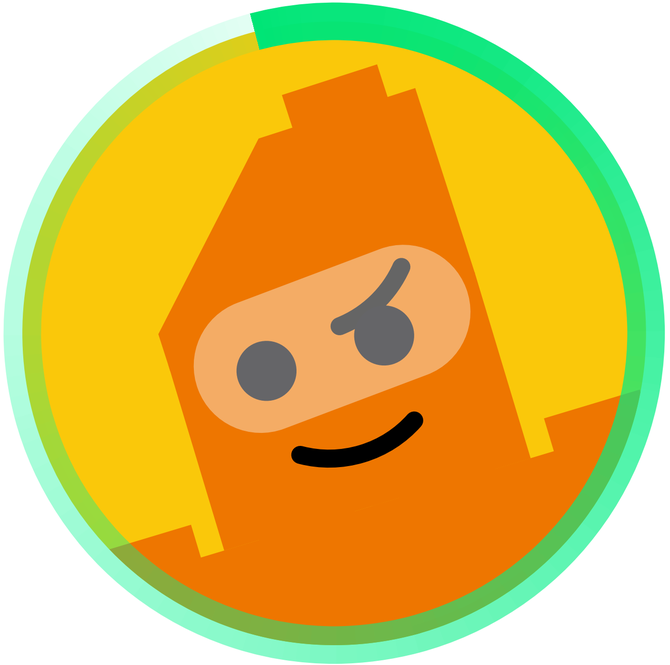

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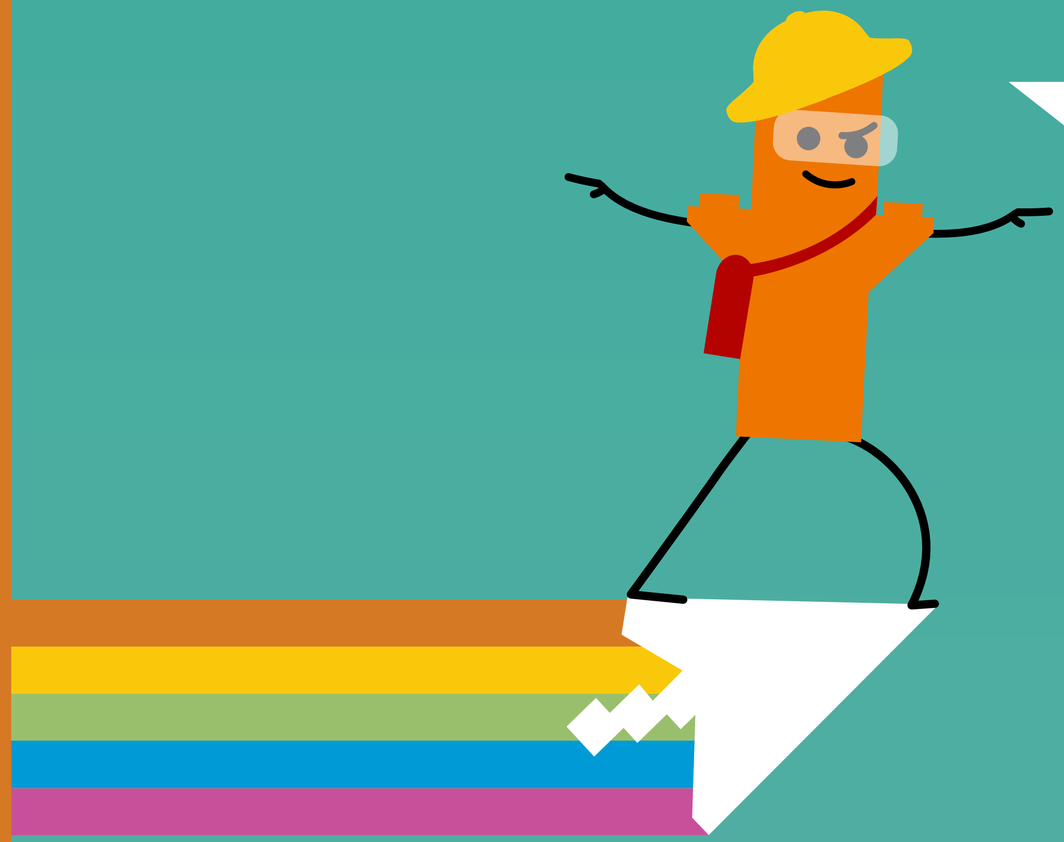


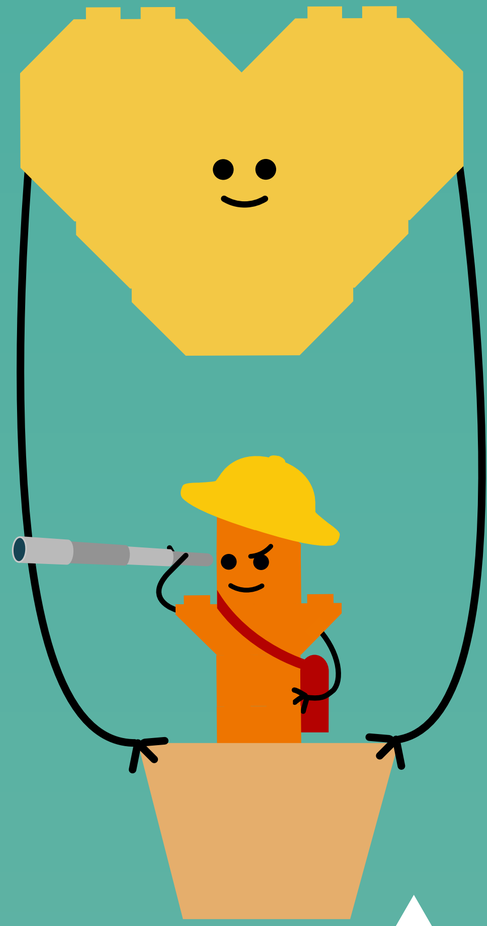
Hello!
My name is
Ida Switchditonandoff,
Digital Explorer and
Online Creaturologist,
do call me Ida.

Welcome to the online
world, fellow explorer!

I can be forgetful, if we've met
before click here or scroll to page 16

I don't have to tell you how incredible the internet is, I know you've been exploring here since you were a little pixel...

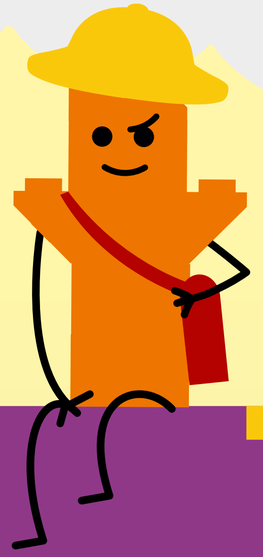
(Your grown-ups may find it hard to keep up!)



Oh! Emoji storm incoming, take cover!!!

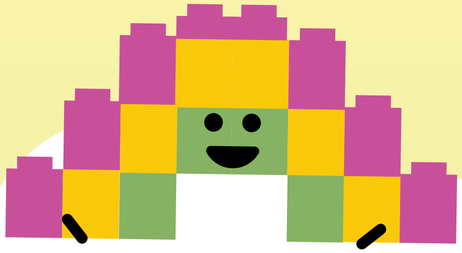
As I was saying...
My adventures here have taken me to wonderful places! I've made brilliant friends and met countless curious characters.

But in my time here I've also discovered some things to beware of! I've been recording these unruly beasts in my book:



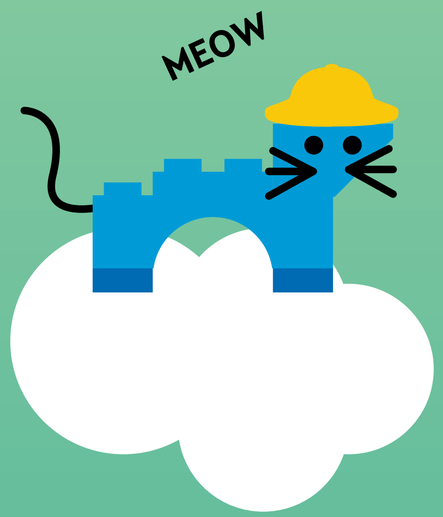
Wild Creatures of the Online World

How To Identify Them... And Then Avoid Them!

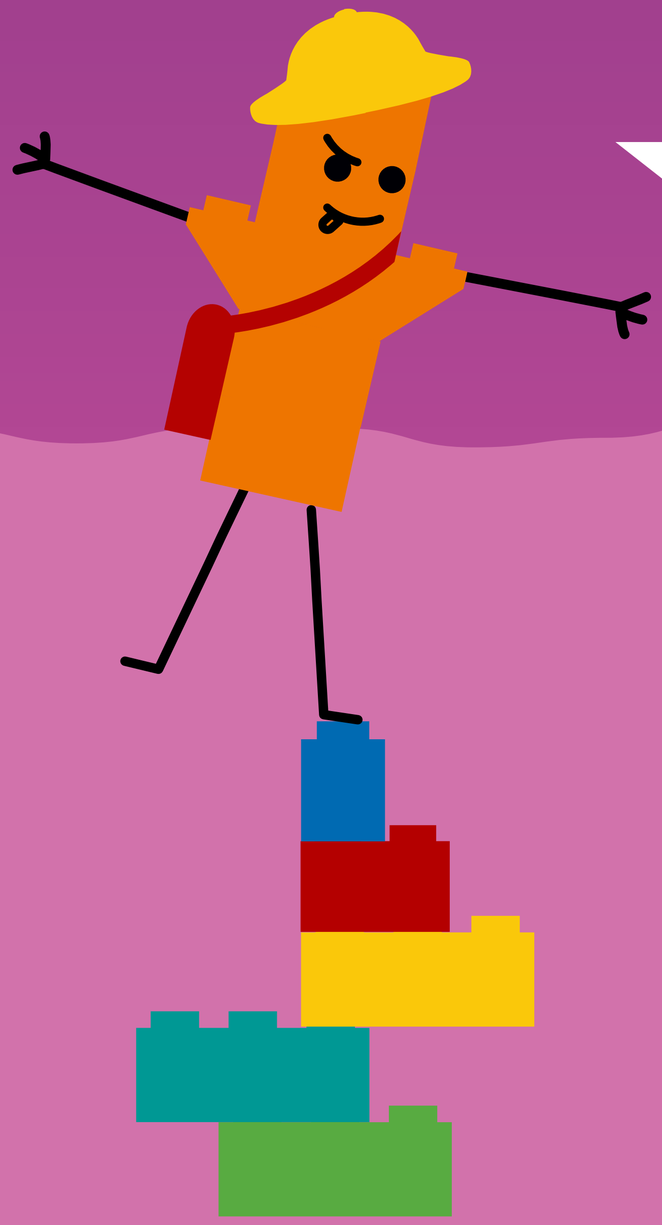


My book will help every online explorer know what to look out for, so nothing gets in the way of them having a fantastic time.
Well, at least it WAS until...

Yesterday, when I was busy watching
hilarious cat videos (vital research!)
one of these naughty creatures,
a troll I believe, snuck in, tore up
my book and ATE all the pictures.



Only a few scraps of my book remain and NO pictures.
And nobody under 100 years old will want to read a book without any pictures.
Also, online explorers like you won't know what to look out for.



I hear you're an excellent LEGO builder with a first-rate imagination: just the skills I'm looking for!

I would like to recreate these funny little online creatures using LEGO bricks.

Will you help me with one?

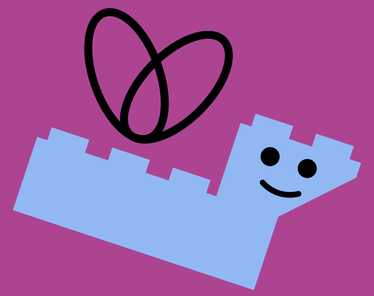
SPLENDID!

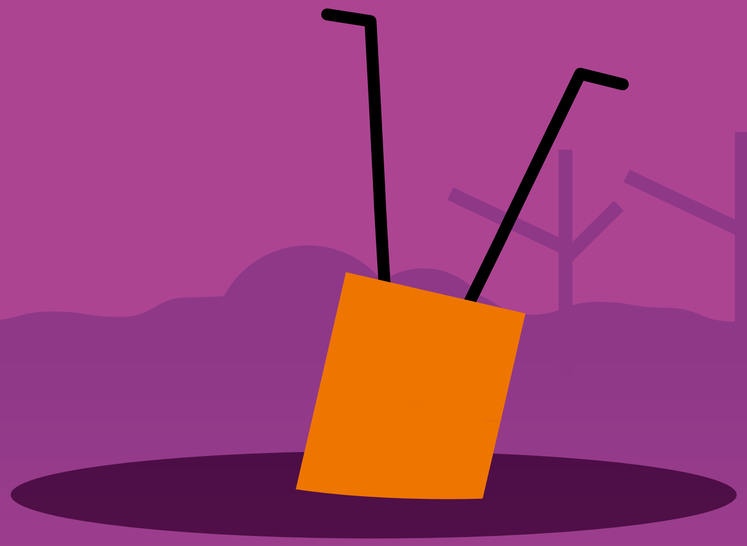
I'll read you a description from my book and you can build along.
You don't need any special LEGO bricks, just use what you have at home.
Don't worry, I'll help every step of the way!

GROWN-UP:
I have a special task for you too. I'd like to learn more about this young explorer's adventures in the online world. Perhaps you would too?

Look out for some questions to ask as we go along.

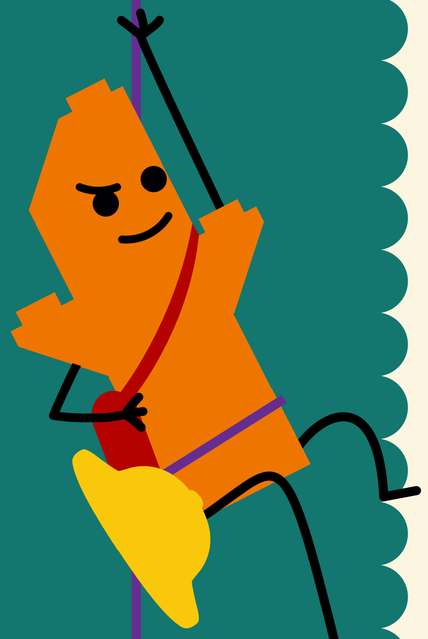
Right team, let's dive in!
Make sure you're fully charged,
grab your LEGO bricks and let's go!





The Believe-It-All

(Oblivious Totalus, species Watch-Out)

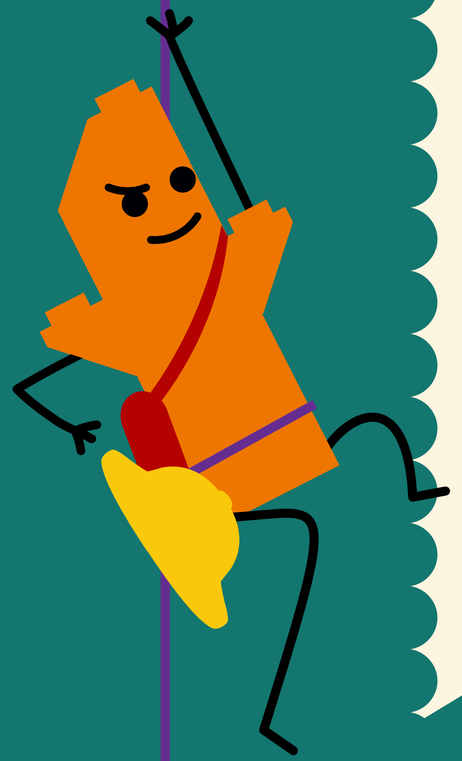


Got the picture? Now let's read about how they look...

An innocent and over-trusting creature, the Believe-It-All thinks everything they read and see online is true. They'll happily believe any information they come across without questioning whether it might be true or not.

No wonder they're always finding themselves in sticky situations, their naive nature can make them vulnerable to being tricked or deceived. If only they could remember to stop and think twice! Putting their fact-checking skills into practice would help them separate fact from fiction and stop them from getting into such a muddle.

Not all Believe-It-Alls are exactly alike. However, they all share some similar features that make them stand out in a crowd.



Physical characteristics

Upside down head as they are often confused

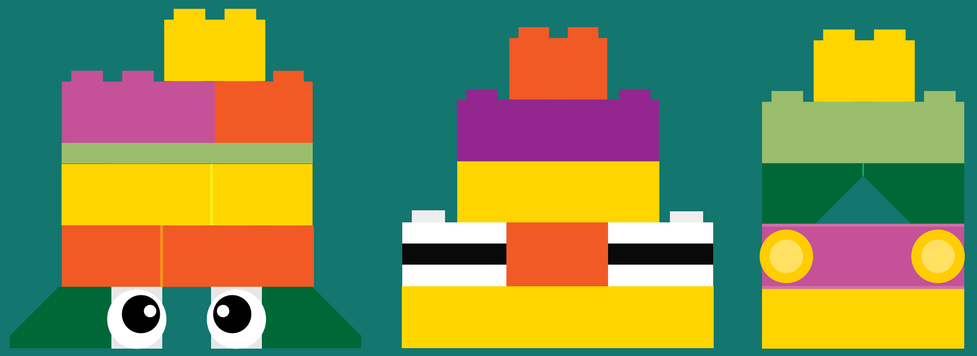
Big ears for listening to so many opinions

Wide open arms ready to embrace anyone they meet

Big feet, perfect for following the crowd!

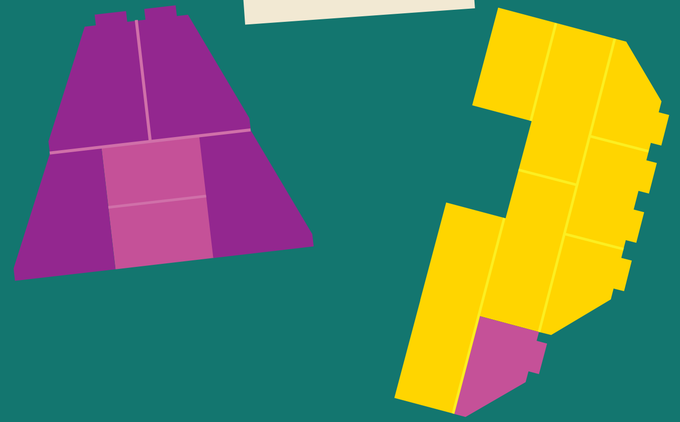
Illustration of typical Believe-It-All

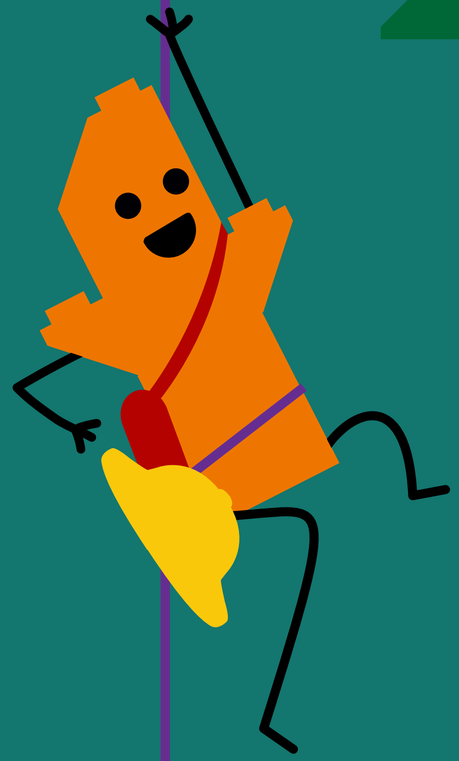
Time to start building your Believe-It-All.
There are some suggestions on the next page if you get stuck.



Upside-down head

Big ears





Big feet

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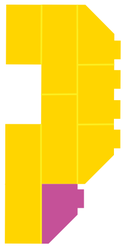
BUILD REMINDERS

Upside-down head

Big ears



Big feet

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GROWN-UP'S TASK

Below are some questions to ask your little explorer as they build.

Why do you think it's important not to believe everything you see or hear online?

Do you know the difference between fact and opinion? Where online would you come across facts versus opinions?

How can you check if something you read online is true?

Who do you think makes up false information? How do you think it spreads online?

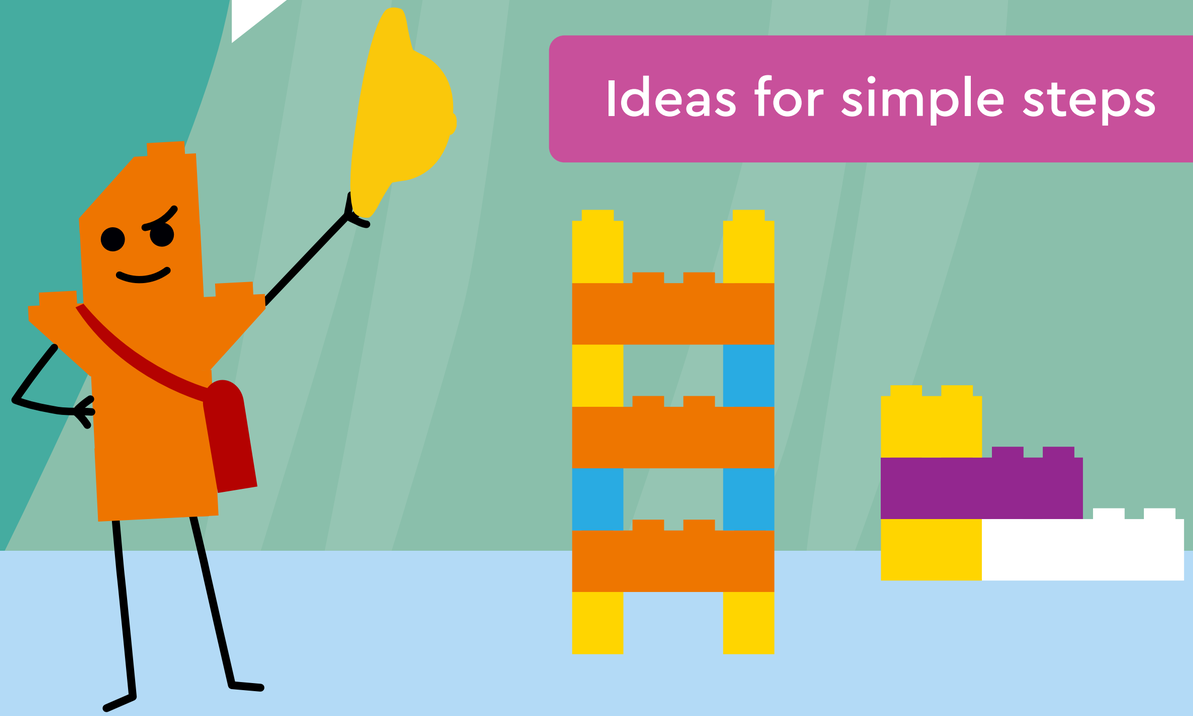
Why do you think people change images on social media? Have you ever used a filter to change a photo?

Wow, that is spot on! You really are an expert builder. You must've done this before.
Wait, can you hear that noise?

HEEEEEEEEELP!
HEEEEEEEEELP!

Oh dear, it's a Believe-It-All.
They're stuck up a tree!
Someone they were chatting
to online told them they could
fly! Gosh, what a muddle.

Would you quickly build the Believe-It-All some steps so that they can get down safely? They should've checked if this was someone they could trust before believing they can fly, it's simply not true!



Ideas for simple steps

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GROWN-UP'S TASK

Question prompts:

Has someone you don't know ever approached you online? Why do you think it's important not to reply?

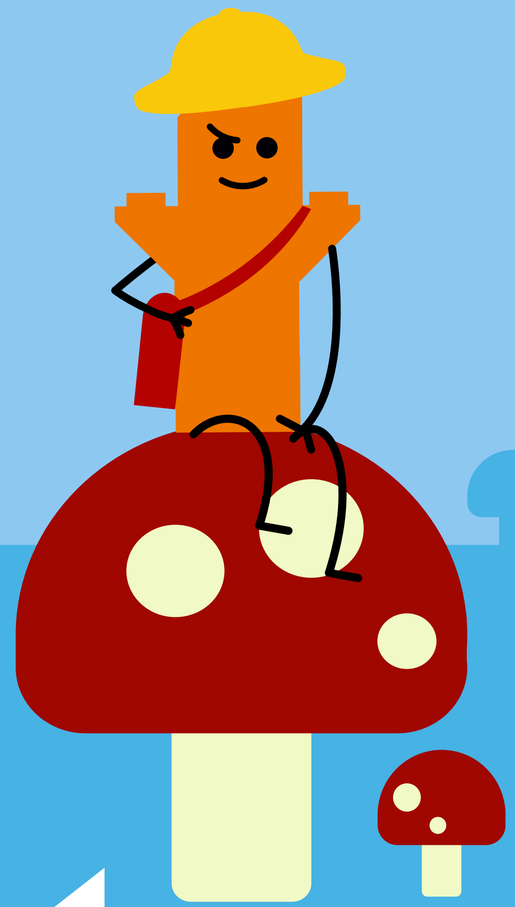
How can you tell that someone online isn't who they say they are?

Why is it important to avoid sharing personal information with people you don't know?

What should you do if something or someone online doesn't seem real?

Well done, you have really impressed me today! I must be off soon though, explorers like me have important adventures to plan.
Oh, one more thing...

Before you go, perhaps you'd like to make the online explorer's pledge.
Read along together with your grown-up:



- We'll always stop and think about what we come across online and remember to not believe everything we see and read.
- We'll remember to fact-check information using reliable sources.
- We'll also remember to be mindful of people we don't know and to never share personal information with a stranger.
- If something or someone doesn't seem real we will talk about it with a trusted grown-up.

Marvellous work!

I must say, you have been a great help today. You are a top LEGO builder.

Have fun and stay smart!

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