



DIGITAL LITERACY · GRADES 3–5

Meet Your Devices

Get to Know Your Tech Tools

Learn the main types of devices, their parts, how you control them, and how to log in safely.

Chapter 1

Becoming a Tech Explorer

4 sections

31 slides

What You'll Learn

The big ideas in this chapter

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Get to Know Your Tech Tools

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- 4 1.4 Tablets, iPads, and Helping Everyone

What is a device?

A device is a tech tool you use to do things and go online.

You already use them every day. The trick is knowing what makes each one different — because once you know that, you can pick up almost any device and figure it out.

Kinds of Devices

The four you'll meet most often



Smartphone

Fits in your pocket and makes calls

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Smartphone

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Tablet or iPad

A flat screen you tap with your fingers

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Tablet or iPad

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Laptop

A keyboard that folds shut so you can carry it

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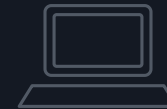
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Laptop

A keyboard that folds shut so you can carry it



Desktop

A bigger computer that stays on a desk

The Big Difference

It's not the size — it's how you control it



Touchscreen

Phones and tablets. You tap, swipe, and pinch with your fingers.



Mouse or touchpad

Laptops and desktops. You move a pointer around, and type on a keyboard.

Think About It

Your teacher says: “Pick up a device you control with your fingers.” Which two could you grab?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

Your teacher says: “Pick up a device you control with your fingers.” Which two could you grab?

The smartphone and the tablet.

Both use a touchscreen, so your finger is the control. The laptop and the desktop need a mouse or touchpad to move a pointer instead.

Hardware

Hardware means the parts you can touch.

Let's take one laptop and go part by part. Every one of these turns up on other devices too, so learn them once and you'll spot them everywhere.

The Parts of a Device

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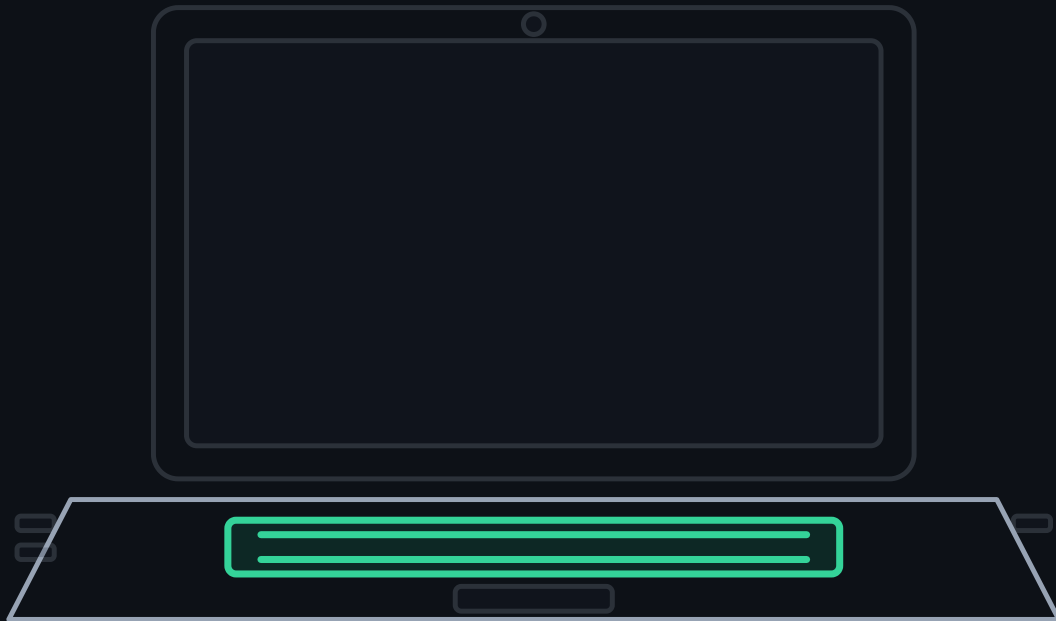


Screen

Shows you pictures and words.

The Parts of a Device

Follow the highlight



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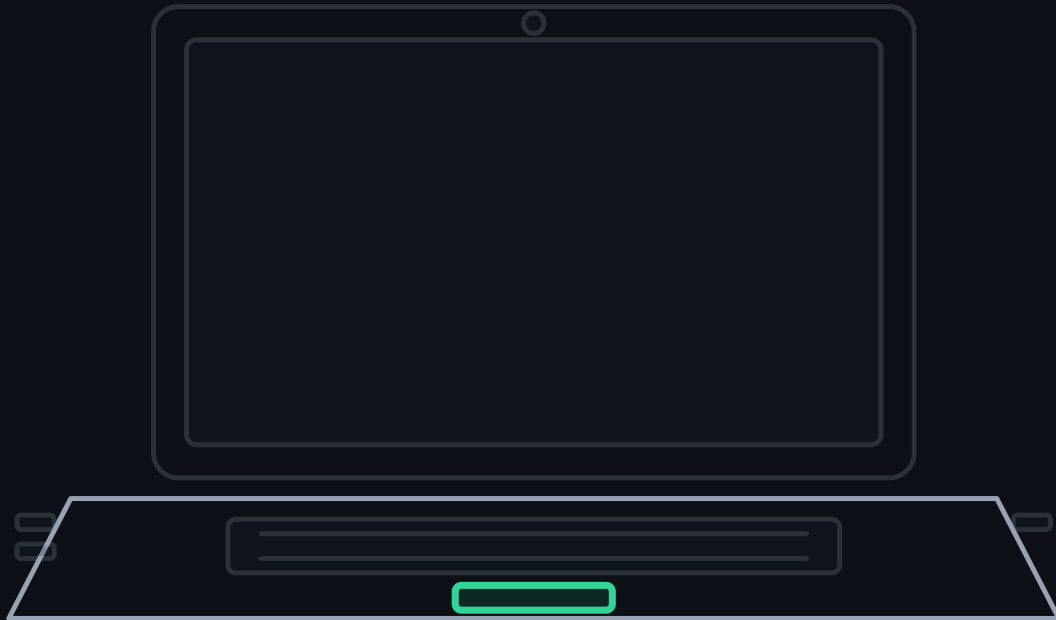
Shows you pictures and words.

Keyboard

Keys you press to type.

The Parts of a Device

Follow the highlight



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Keyboard

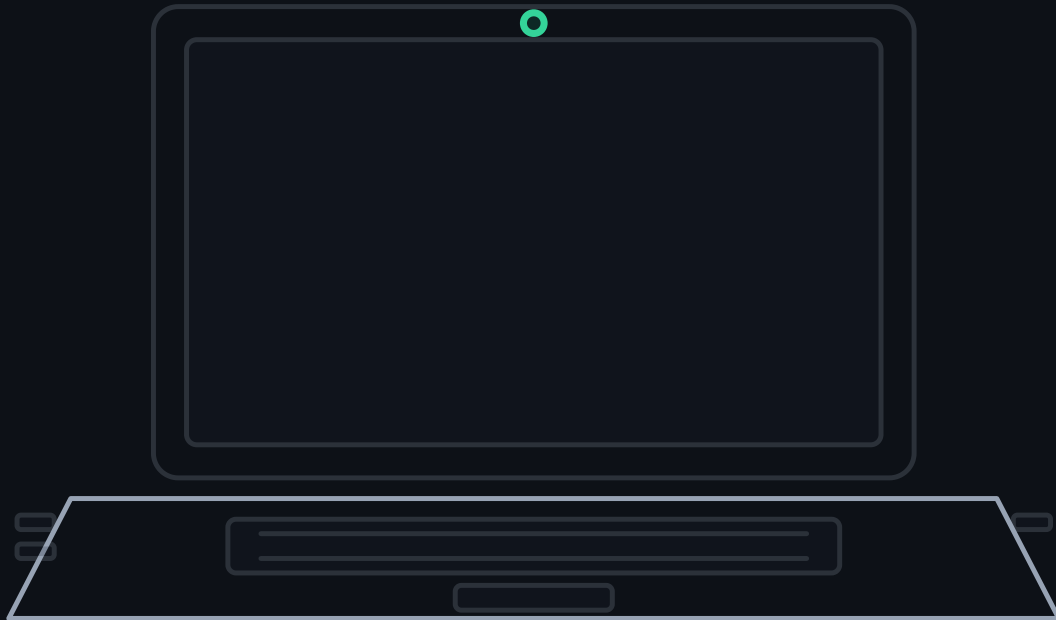
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Touchpad

Moves the pointer around the screen.

The Parts of a Device

Follow the highlight



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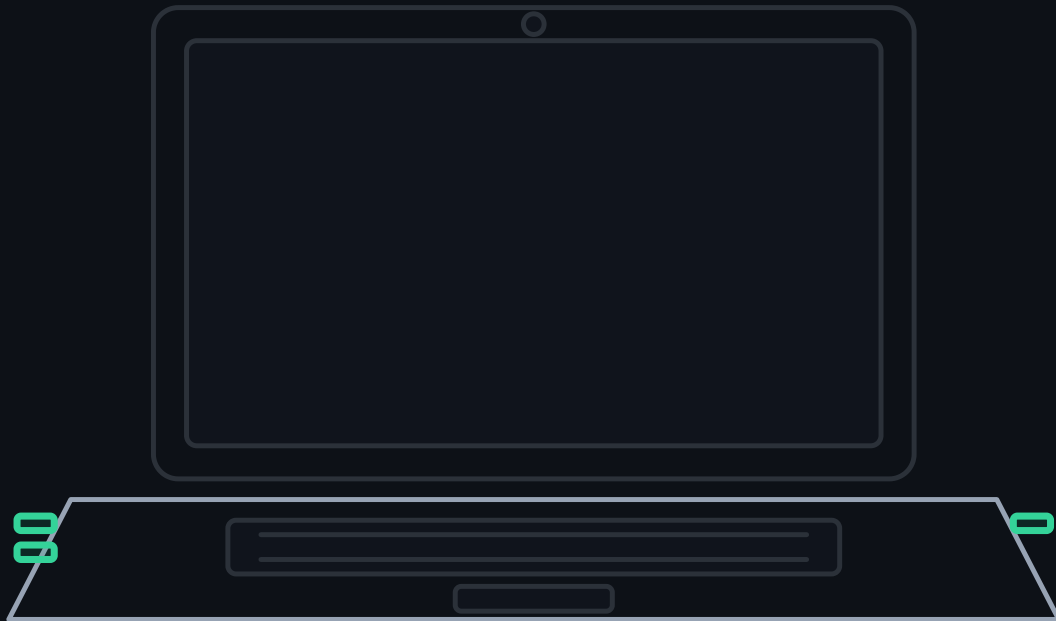
Moves the pointer around the screen.

Camera and microphone

For photos and video calls.

The Parts of a Device

Follow the highlight



Screen

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Keyboard

Keys you press to type.

Touchpad

Moves the pointer around the screen.

Camera and microphone

For photos and video calls.

Ports

Little slots to plug things in, like the charger.

Where Your Work Lives

Every file you save goes to one of these two places



On the device

Saved inside the computer itself. If that computer breaks, the file is stuck in there.



In the cloud

Saved out on the internet — Google Drive or iCloud. You can open it from any device.

Think About It

Mia saved her story in the cloud. The next day, her laptop stopped working. Is her story gone?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

Mia saved her story in the cloud. The next day, her laptop stopped working. Is her story gone?

No — her story is completely safe.

Because it went to the cloud, the story was never only inside that laptop. Mia can log in on any other device and it's right there waiting.

Turning It Off

Always shut down from the menu.

Don't just pull the plug or hold the button down. Shutting down properly gives the device time to finish saving and close everything safely.

The Fix That Really Works

Turning it off and on again genuinely works.

Restarting clears out whatever got stuck. It's the first thing to try whenever a device is being weird — and it fixes a surprising number of problems.

Logging In

Three ways to prove it's really you



Password

A secret word or phrase that only you know



PIN

A short number code you tap in



Fingerprint or face

The device recognizes you instantly

Now Look at This Message

It arrives while you're logging in

From: help@roblox-support.net

 **URGENT!** Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

Think About It

From: help@roblox-support.net

 **URGENT!** Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

What are two clues that this message is a trick?

Four Red Flags

From: help@rob1ox-support.net

⚠ URGENT! Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

- 1 It tries to scare you — “LOCKED in 1 hour.”
- 2 It rushes you — “right now.”
- 3 It asks for your password. Nobody real ever does.
- 4 Look closely at the address: rob1ox, with a one instead of an L.

The Tablet World

On a tablet, everything is an app.

There's no desktop and no taskbar — you tap an app on the home screen to open it. New apps come from an app store, which checks them first to help keep out bad software.

Gestures

Your fingers replace the buttons



Swipe up to go home

One finger, starting from the bottom edge of the screen



Pinch to zoom

Two fingers, moving together to shrink or apart to enlarge

Making It Fit You

Change the device to fit you — not the other way round



Bigger text

Make the words on screen larger and easier to read



Read out loud

The device reads what's on the screen to you



Captions

Words appear along the bottom of videos

Words to Know

Say them, use them, own them

device

A tool like a tablet, laptop, phone, or computer that helps you do things and go online.

hardware

The parts of a device you can see and touch, like the screen, keyboard, and mouse.

log in

To prove it's really you, using a password, a PIN, or a fingerprint or face scan.

touchscreen

A screen you touch with your fingers to tap, swipe, and zoom.

cloud

A place on the internet — like Google Drive or iCloud — where your files are saved so you can open them on any device.

accessibility

Settings that change a device to fit you — like bigger text, reading out loud, or captions on videos.

Be a Device Detective

Your turn — work through each part

1**Label It**

Draw a device you use. Label at least four parts — screen, keyboard, camera, port — and what each one does.

2**On and Off**

Write the steps to turn the device on, log in, and turn it off the right way.

3**Make It Yours**

With a grown-up, change one setting — make the text bigger or the screen brighter. What happened? Who would that help?

You've Got This

Tick every box you can do on your own

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|---|--|
| ☐ I can name the main kinds of devices | ☐ I can tell the difference between a touchscreen and a mouse |
| ☐ I can point to hardware parts like the screen, camera, and ports | ☐ I know files can be saved on a device or in the cloud |
| ☐ I can turn a device on, log in, and shut it down the right way | ☐ I know what a password, PIN, and fingerprint login are |
| ☐ I can spot a scary “click now!” trick message | ☐ I know how tablets use apps and how to make text bigger |



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Finding Your Way Around a Device

Don't Lose Your Work!

Get around the screen, understand files and folders, and save your work so you can always find it again.

Chapter 2

Becoming a Tech Explorer

4 sections

27 slides

What You'll Learn

The big ideas in this chapter

IN THIS CHAPTER

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Don't Lose Your Work!

- 1 2.1 The Boss of the Device
- 2 2.2 Files and Folders
- 3 2.3 Saving in the Cloud
- 4 2.4 Settings and Staying Healthy

The Boss of the Device

Every device has a boss.

It's called the operating system, and it's the software that runs everything else. Learn what it does once, and you can find your way around almost any device.

Three You'll Meet

They look different — they do the same job



Windows

On lots of laptops

Three You'll Meet

They look different — they do the same job



Windows

On lots of laptops



Mac

On Apple computers

Three You'll Meet

They look different — they do the same job



Windows

On lots of laptops



Mac

On Apple computers



iPadOS

On iPads

All Three Do the Same Three Things



They all open apps

Tap or click the app you want and it opens.



They all search

Type what you're looking for and the device finds it.



They all have settings

One place to change how the device works.

Files and Folders

A file is one thing you save.

A folder is a container that holds files. That's the whole idea — and it works exactly like the folders in your backpack.

Let's Build One

Watch where each thing goes

 **School**

Let's Build One

Watch where each thing goes

📁 **School**

📁 **Science**

Let's Build One

Watch where each thing goes

 **School**

 **Science**

 **Volcano-Poster**

Let's Build One

Watch where each thing goes

📁 **School**

📁 Science

📄 Volcano-Poster

📁 **Writing**

Let's Build One

Watch where each thing goes

School

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Writing

 My-Dog-Story

Now Give It a Real Name



Untitled

You will not remember what this is by Friday.



Volcano-Poster

You will find this in about two seconds.

Think About It

**You've just finished a poster about volcanoes for science class.
Where do you save it, and what do you call it?**

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

You've just finished a poster about volcanoes for science class. Where do you save it, and what do you call it?

Into the Science folder — named something like Volcano-Poster.

A good spot and a good name. Do both, and finding it next week takes two seconds instead of ten minutes.

Saving in the Cloud

Your files don't have to live inside one computer.

They can live in the cloud — and the cloud just means the internet. Google Drive and iCloud are clouds.

What Actually Happens

Three steps, and the third one is the magic



You save

Your work heads up to the internet



The cloud keeps it

Safe, even if a device breaks

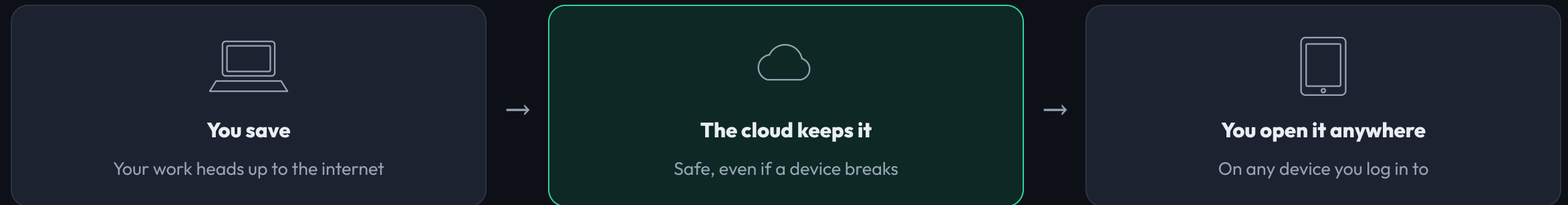


You open it anywhere

On any device you log in to

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Think About It

You started your volcano poster on the computer at school. You want to finish it at home tonight. What has to be true?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

You started your volcano poster on the computer at school. You want to finish it at home tonight. What has to be true?

It has to have been saved to the cloud.

If you saved it only onto the school computer, that is exactly where it still is. The cloud is the thing that lets your work follow you home.

Settings

Settings is one screen that controls everything.

The sound, the screen brightness, how the device behaves. Almost every annoying little problem is fixed in here.

One Habit Worth Having



Let updates happen

When your device asks to update, say yes. Updates fix problems and close gaps.



It's a check-up

A visit to the doctor for your device. Slightly boring. Definitely worth it.



The whole chapter, in one line

Save on purpose, keep it in folders, back it up to the cloud.

Words to Know

Say them, use them, own them

operating system

The main software that runs a device and lets you use apps, files, and settings. Examples are Windows, Mac, and iPad.

file

One thing you save, like a picture, a story, or a drawing.

folder

A container that holds files to keep them neat, like a folder in your backpack.

cloud

A place on the internet, like Google Drive or iCloud, where your files are kept safe and you can open them on any device.

Organize Your Work

Your turn — work through each part

1**Make Folders**

Make a folder for one of your subjects. Draw a picture of your folder with files inside it.

2**Save and Find**

Make a file, save it in your folder with a clear name, close it, and find it again. Write down how you found it.

3**Cloud Check**

Ask a grown-up or teacher what cloud service you use, like Google Drive. Why is it good to save your work there?

You've Got This

Tick every box you can do on your own

☐ I know the operating system runs the device

☐ I can tell the difference between a file and a folder

☐ I can save a file with a good name in a good spot

☐ I can find a file again after I save it

☐ I know the cloud keeps my work safe on the internet

☐ I know updates help keep a device healthy and safe



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Exploring the Internet

Finding Things — and Knowing What to Believe

Use a browser, search smart, read a web address, and tell real information from fake — safely.

Chapter 3

Becoming a Tech Explorer

4 sections

30 slides

What You'll Learn

The big ideas in this chapter

IN THIS CHAPTER

Use a browser, search smart, read a web address, and tell real information from fake — safely.

Finding Things — and Knowing What to Believe

1 3.1 Getting Online

2 3.2 Reading a Web Address

3 3.3 Searching Smart

4 3.4 Is It True?

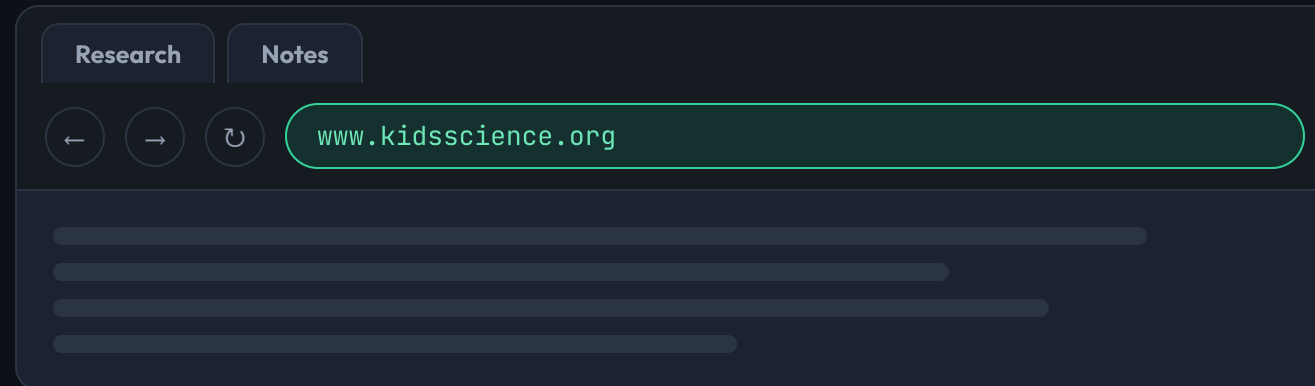
Exploring the Internet

The internet is the **biggest library in the world.**

But nobody checks what goes on the shelves. That's why explorers learn two skills: how to find things, and how to tell what's actually true.

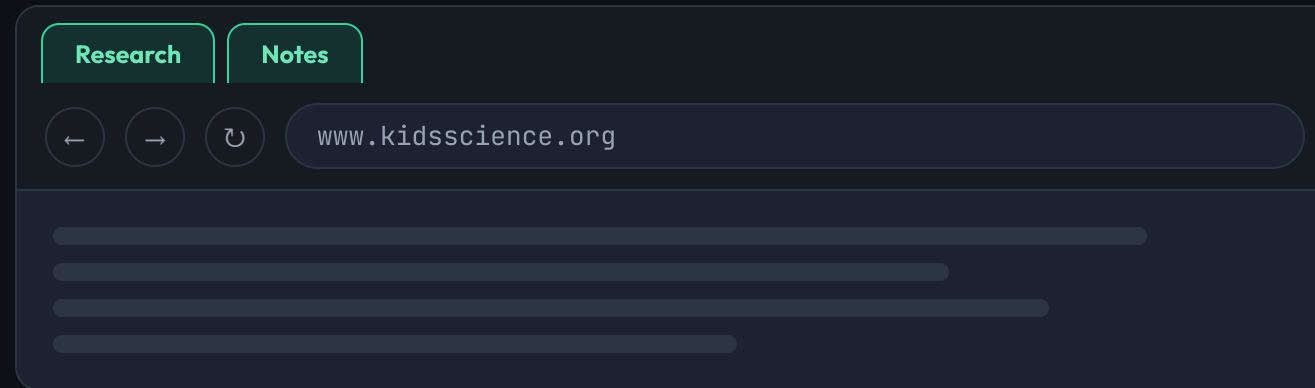
Your Browser

The app you use to visit websites



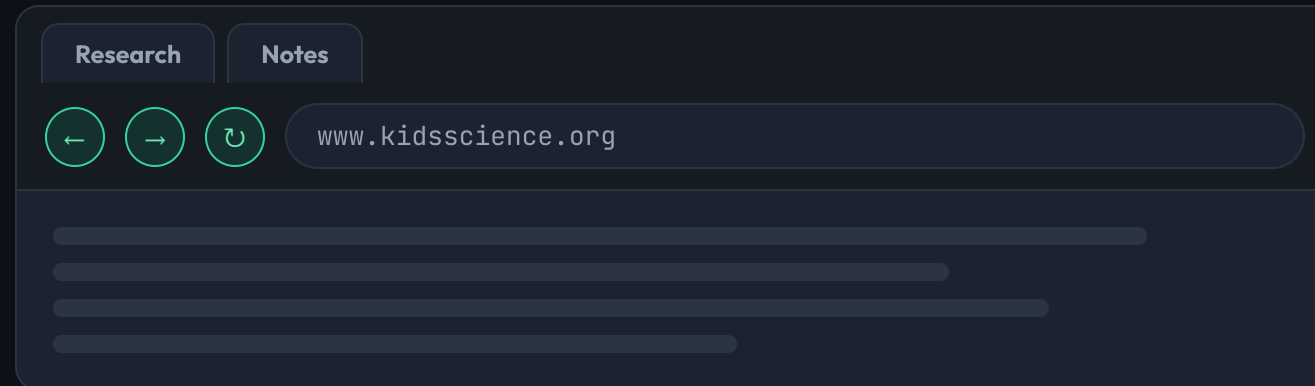
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Getting Online



Wi-Fi

Connects your device to the internet without any wires, at home or at school.



Look for the symbol

Those little curved bars in the corner mean you're connected.

Reading a Web Address

A web address is called a URL.

And it isn't just a jumble of letters. Every part of it is telling you something — including whether you should trust it.

Taking One Apart

Three parts, three clues

https://www.example.org

the s means secure

the name of the site

who runs it

The s stands for secure. If a site is asking for a password, you want to see that s.

Taking One Apart

Three parts, three clues

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This is the name of the site itself — the bit that tells you where you actually are.

Taking One Apart

Three parts, three clues

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who runs it

This ending is the biggest clue of all. It hints at who runs the site.

What the Ending Tells You



.com

Usually a business — someone who might want to sell you something.



.org

Usually a group or an organization.



.edu

A school, a college, or a university.



.gov

The government.

Look Very Carefully



roblox.com

The real one. Ordinary letters, all where you'd expect them.



rob1ox.com

A fake. That's the number one, sitting where the letter L should be.

Think About It

You're about to type a password into a website. What's the one thing you check first?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

You're about to type a password into a website. What's the one thing you check first?

The address, letter by letter.

Read it carefully and check it starts with https. If either one looks even slightly off, stop and ask a grown-up before you type anything.

Searching Smart

How you ask changes what you find.

Most people type one word and take whatever comes back. You're going to do better than that.

Use Clear Words



frogs

Millions of results about anything froggy at all.



how do frogs breathe

The actual answer, usually right near the top.

Some Results Are Ads

AD**Frog Toys - Shop Now, Free Delivery**frogstuff-shop.com**How Frogs Breathe | Kids Science**kidsscience.org**Frogs - Animal Encyclopedia**encyclopedia.org

Think About It

**Two results. One has a little “Ad” label; one is from a science site.
Which is more likely to answer your homework question?**

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

Two results. One has a little “Ad” label; one is from a science site. Which is more likely to answer your homework question?

The one without the Ad label.

An ad is there because it was paid for, not because it's the best answer. Scroll past and look at who actually wrote the page.

Is It True?

Not everything online is true.

Anyone can put anything on the internet. So before you believe something — and definitely before you put it in a project — ask three questions.

Three Questions to Ask

Run through these before you believe it



Who made it?

A school, a library, or a news site is far more trustworthy than a random person.

Three Questions to Ask

Run through these before you believe it



Who made it?

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Do other places say it too?

If only one strange website says it, be careful.

Three Questions to Ask

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Am I sure?

If you're not, ask a grown-up. That's not giving up — that's what experts do.

About AI Answers



It can be confidently wrong

Sometimes a computer writes the answer at the top. It can be helpful — and it is sometimes wrong.



Use it as a starting point

Read it, then go and check it somewhere else. Especially for anything important.

Think About It

You read that frogs can live for 200 years. You found it on one website you'd never heard of. What do you do?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

**You read that frogs can live for 200 years. You found it on one website you'd never heard of.
What do you do?**

Go and look somewhere else.

One unknown site saying something surprising is a reason to check, not a reason to believe. If a science site and an encyclopedia both agree, now you've got something.

Words to Know

Say them, use them, own them

browser

An app you use to visit websites, like Chrome, Safari, or Edge.

Wi-Fi

A way to connect to the internet without wires, from a box called a router at home or school.

URL

The address of a web page, like www.example.org, typed in the address bar.

Be a Web Detective

Your turn — work through each part

1**Read Addresses**

Find two websites. Write each address. What does the ending (.com, .org, .edu) tell you? Does it have https?

2**Search Smart**

Pick a question you're curious about. Search it with clear words. Write down one good answer and where it came from.

3**True or Not?**

Find a fact online. How could you check if it's really true? Write down two ways.

You've Got This

Tick every box you can do on your own

- ☐ I know a browser is used to visit websites
- ☐ I know Wi-Fi connects a device to the internet
- ☐ I can read a web address ending like .com, .org, or .edu
- ☐ I can search using clear words
- ☐ I know some results are ads
- ☐ I can check if information is true by asking who made it
- ☐ I know AI answers can be wrong and should be double-checked



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Communicating and Creating

Sharing Your Ideas with Technology

Learn email, video calls, and how to make documents and slideshows to share your ideas.

Chapter 4

Becoming a Tech Explorer

4 sections

26 slides

What You'll Learn

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IN THIS CHAPTER

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Sharing Your Ideas with Technology

1 4.1 Email

2 4.2 Video Calls

3 4.3 Making Documents

4 4.4 Slideshows

Email

Email is a letter you send online.

Texting is for friends. Email is for school and for grown-up business — and it has parts, just like a real letter does.

The Parts of an Email

Follow the highlight

TO	ms.lee@school.org
SUBJECT	Question about the volcano project
MESSAGE	Dear Ms. Lee, I'm not sure whether the poster is due on Friday or on Monday. Could you let me know? Thank you, Sam

The Parts of an Email

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Email Manners

**Start with a greeting**

“Dear Ms. Lee,” — it takes two seconds and it changes how the whole email reads.

**End with your name**

“Thank you, Sam.” Otherwise they have to guess who wrote it.

**No ALL CAPS**

Typing in capitals reads like you're shouting, even when you don't mean it.

Think About It

Your email says, in full: “NEED THE HOMEWORK”. Name two things to fix.

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

Your email says, in full: “NEED THE HOMEWORK”. Name two things to fix.

Turn off the caps, and add a greeting and your name.

You could also add a subject line and a “please”. Same request, completely different impression — and a much faster reply.

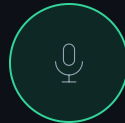
Video Calls

A video call lets you see and talk to someone far away.

Online classes, family in another country, even doctor's appointments. There are three buttons worth knowing before you need them.

Three Buttons to Know

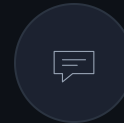
Find them before the call starts



Mute



Video



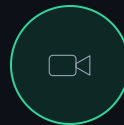
Chat

Three Buttons to Know

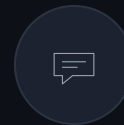
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Video



Chat

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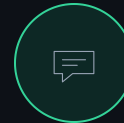
Find them before the call starts



Mute



Video



Chat

Setting Yourself Up



Light in front of you

Not behind. A bright window behind you turns you into a shadow.



Camera at eye level

Stack a couple of books under the laptop if you need to.



Unmute when it's your turn

Everyone forgets this one. Absolutely everyone.

Making Documents

A document is a **super-powered piece of paper.**

Google Docs, Microsoft Word. Everything paper does, plus a few things paper can't.

What You Can Do

All the things paper can't



Type

Words appear, and you can change your mind without rubbing anything out.

What You Can Do

All the things paper can't



Type

Words appear, and you can change your mind without rubbing anything out.



Change size and color

Make a heading big and bold so it stands out.

What You Can Do

All the things paper can't



Type

Words appear, and you can change your mind without rubbing anything out.



Change size and color

Make a heading big and bold so it stands out.



Add pictures

Drop an image straight into the middle of your writing.

What You Can Do

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Words appear, and you can change your mind without rubbing anything out.



Change size and color

Make a heading big and bold so it stands out.



Add pictures

Drop an image straight into the middle of your writing.



Check spelling and save

It spots your typos, and the save keeps it forever.

Slideshows

A slideshow shows your ideas one slide at a time.

Google Slides, PowerPoint. And there's one rule that separates a good one from a painful one.

The One Rule



Too many words

Nobody can read a wall of text and listen to you at the same time. They'll do neither.



A few words, one clear picture

The slide supports you. You are the presentation.

Think About It

You've written six sentences and you want to put them on one slide. What should you actually do?

Pause the video and think it through.

Think About It

You've written six sentences and you want to put them on one slide. What should you actually do?

Cut them down to a few words — and say the rest out loud.

Pull out the handful of words that matter, add a picture, and keep the six sentences in your head. That's what makes it a talk instead of a reading.

Words to Know

Say them, use them, own them

email

A way to send written messages online, used for school and grown-up messages.

video call

Talking with someone using video and sound over the internet, with apps like Zoom, Google Meet, or FaceTime.

slideshow

A set of slides with words and pictures used to show ideas to other people, made with tools like Google Slides or PowerPoint.

Create and Share

Your turn — work through each part

1**Write an Email**

Write a short, polite email to your teacher — on paper is fine. Include a greeting, a subject, a message, and a closing.

2**Video-Call Ready**

Draw or describe a good spot for a video call. Where's the light? Where's the camera? What buttons would you use?

3**Make Something**

Make a small document or a 2-slide slideshow about something you like. Use a few words and a picture.

You've Got This

Tick every box you can do on your own

- ☐ I know email is for school and important messages
- ☐ I can name the parts of an email: to, subject, message
- ☐ I can be polite in an email with a greeting and closing
- ☐ I know the video-call buttons: mute, video, and chat
- ☐ I can set up a quiet, bright spot for a video call
- ☐ I can make a document and change words and add pictures
- ☐ I know a good slideshow uses few words and clear pictures



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Staying Safe and Smart Online

Protecting Yourself and Being Kind

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Chapter 5

Becoming a Tech Explorer

4 sections

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What You'll Learn

The big ideas in this chapter

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Strong Passwords

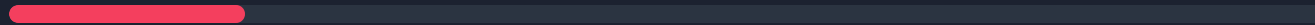
A password is a **secret that keeps your account safe.**

And what makes one strong isn't what most people think. It isn't strange symbols. It's length.

Watch What Length Does

Three passwords, getting stronger

cat

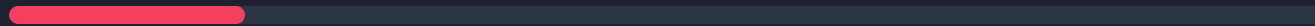


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Long, silly, easy for you to remember, and very hard to guess.

Three Rules



Long

A phrase beats a word. Three words stuck together is a great password.



Secret

Never share it — not with a friend, not with anyone except a trusted grown-up.



Different

A different password for different accounts, so one problem stays one problem.

Think About It

Which is stronger: a short password full of strange symbols, or a long silly phrase?

Pause the video and think it through.

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Which is stronger: a short password full of strange symbols, or a long silly phrase?

The long silly phrase.

Length is what makes a password hard to guess. And you'll actually remember the silly one, which means you won't be tempted to write it on a sticky note.

Spotting Tricks

Some messages are trying to **trick you.**

It's called phishing — a fake message pretending to be someone you trust. And they all have the same tells.

Read This One

From: help@roblox-support.net

 **URGENT!** Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

Think About It

From: help@roblox-support.net

 URGENT! Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

What are two clues that this message is a trick?

Pause the video and think it through.

Four Red Flags

From: help@rob1ox-support.net

⚠ URGENT! Your account will be LOCKED in 1 hour. Click here right now and type your password to save it!

- 1 It tries to scare you — “LOCKED in 1 hour.”
- 2 It rushes you — “right now.”
- 3 It asks for your password. Nobody real ever does.
- 4 Look at the address: rob1ox, with a one instead of an L.

So What Do You Do?

Slow down, and tell a grown-up.

That's the whole defense. Tricks only work when you're rushing — so the moment a message tries to hurry you, that's your signal to stop.

Your Digital Footprint

Everything you do online leaves footprints.

Like footprints in sand — except these ones don't wash away.

Three Things to Know

About the trail you leave



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So think first

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“Would I be okay if my teacher and my grandma saw this?”

If the answer is yes, go ahead. If it's no, or even “hmm”, that's your answer — don't post it.

Being Kind Online

There's a real person on the other side of every screen.

That's the whole rule. Everything else in this section is just what it looks like in practice.

What That Looks Like



Use kind words

Say things you'd be happy to say to someone's face.



Keep other people's things private

Don't share someone else's photos, messages, or secrets.



If someone is being mean

Tell a trusted adult. That's not telling tales — that's looking after someone.

Words to Know

Say them, use them, own them

password

A secret word or phrase that keeps your account safe, so only you can get in.

phishing

A trick message that pretends to be someone you trust to get your password or private information.

digital footprint

The trail you leave online from the things you post and do — it can last a long time.

Safety Superhero

Your turn — work through each part

1**Build a Password**

Make up a strong password — don't use a real one! Make it long and fun to remember. Why is it strong?

2**Spot the Trick**

Draw or describe a trick message. What are two clues that it's a trick? What would you do?

3**Think Before You Post**

Draw two pictures: one thing that's okay to share online, and one thing that should stay private.

You've Got This

Tick every box you can do on your own

- ☐ I can make a password that is long and secret
- ☐ I know not to share my password, except with a trusted grown-up
- ☐ I can spot a trick (phishing) message
- ☐ I know to slow down and tell a grown-up about scary messages
- ☐ I know my digital footprint can last a long time
- ☐ I think before I post about who might see it
- ☐ I know to be kind online because there's a real person on the other side