



Digital Safety Terms



A definition

When you start using social media and the Internet, you will realise there is a specific vocabulary to learn. The lingo is very useful to know if you want to be up to date. However, digital safety terms are also really helpful in avoiding any pitfalls.



Why is this important?

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Tips and tricks

- ➔ It is very easy to be lost on social media with abbreviations and all the lingo. But being lost on the language of users is a thing, being able to understand your rights, your duties and how to use the social media is another issue that is way more important to ensure your safety.
- ➔ To learn as much vocabulary as possible and not get lost, you can spot all the words you don't know or understand and search for them on [this glossary](#) from internetmatters.org or [this one](#) from internetsafety101.org which is more focused on safety terms.
- ➔ Don't assume you know a term when unsure of its meaning. Some words could mean something offline, but their meaning online is not the same. Always check the definition.
- ➔ Sometimes, some definitions will not be enough to really understand the impact on your safety on social media and the Internet. Then you can search for more information.



Useful resources and tools



There is a lot of glossary existing, but about data protection vocabulary, there is the European Data Protection Supervisor [Glossary of digital terms](#). It explains lots of vocabulary that can seem complicated and obscure to you. It helps to understand better how to be safe online.



SAFETY RESOURCES



This is a link to a [Digital Skills Glossary](#) to learn more about vocabulary and terms about your online presence and actions. It can help you to be more aware of what happens online and how it functions. This glossary is created by educators during EdTech Maker Space events