



with Timon and Pumbaa:
SAFETY SMART
Online!

Student's Name: _____

TAKE-HOME ACTIVITY: SAFE SCREEN NAMES

Dear Family: Your child is learning that what they do online will stay online forever. Read the directions on this page with your child and then do the activity together.

Directions

If your child uses instant messaging, it's a good idea to make sure they have a safe screen name. Use the following guidelines to create a safe screen name together.

First, you need to know what a safe screen name is. A safe screen name is one that doesn't indicate the child's real name, age, gender, interests, where they live, or where they go to school.

Work with your child to develop several ideas for screen names. Write the ideas in the first column below.

To answer the question in the last column about whether or not each idea is safe, ask the questions listed below and circle the answer. Your goal is to circle NO for every question. If you circle YES for any question, it's not a safe screen name. If you circle NO for every question, you've got a safe screen name!

Screen Name Idea	Does it give out information about...							Is it Safe?
	My real name?	My age?	My gender?	Activities I like to do?	My favorite food?	Where I live?	Where I go to school?	
	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
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