



The Knight's Table



Why is it important to think before you speak or post online?



Imagine you just went to your favorite social media page, like Instagram or Facebook. Then you see a video that seems interesting, except it's not. You probably spend ten minutes watching the most boring video of your life, and you hate it. When you comment, you say some suggestions without trying to be mean, but others agree with you. And the hate comments pile up, and they grow more and more vicious and cruel than ever. The poor influencer quits, and never does anything to do with social media anymore. You feel bad, and you didn't mean to cause someone this much harm, but others did. This is one example on why it is important to think before you speak or type anything online. In my opinion, thinking before you speak or post online is important for many different reasons. One reason is because you may accidentally make someone upset or harm their feelings unintentionally. Another reason is because it could influence others negatively to do the same thing as you purposely though you didn't mean it. There are many examples that support my claim and I would like to explain them today.

One reason why you should think before you speak or post online is because you could accidentally make someone upset or harm their feelings unintentionally. One example is that if you said "hey, your hair doesn't look that good, you might want to fix it up," the person could misunderstand you and thought you had meant that they looked really ugly or that you just wanted to be mean.. This could lead to many different ways, and it could affect you, or the other person. To further explain, it could mislead this person to tell everyone around you, like your friends, teachers, and family that you were bullying or teasing them. Another reason why you should think before you speak or post online is because you could influence others negatively to do the same thing as you purposely though you didn't mean it. One example is that if you comment a suggestion on someone's page online and say, "Maybe you should edit a bit more in your next video, the transitions look a bit choppy." This was a little suggestion on teaching this influencer on how to make their videos look better, but others think otherwise. They continuously make fun of their videos, calling them weird and strange. After about a month or so, this influencer quits. It wasn't your fault, but you still feel guilty about starting it in the first place. Another way to explain this is that you starting a suggestion misled others into believing that you disliked the person's videos, and they added on with cruel and negative comments because they also despised having to watch their videos.

In conclusion, it is very important to think before you speak or post online. One reason to support my claim is because you could accidentally make someone upset or harm their feelings unintentionally. Another reason is that you could influence others negatively to do the same thing as you purposely though you didn't mean it. So, the next time you try to comment something on a page or say something to anybody, think about the consequences of this.



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Word Search with Hidden Message

Directions: Find and cross out all 20 words. Then read the remaining letters from left to right, top to bottom to reveal the hidden message.

BEFORE YOU POST... THINK!

T – is it true?
H – is it hurtful?
I – is it illegal?
N – is it necessary?
K – is it kind?

T	S	K	H	I	N	R	E	F	L	E	C	T
K	C	I	B	E	F	E	F	P	E	Y	F	R
Y	R	N	O	T	E	L	R	A	N	H	K	O
C	E	D	C	C	E	B	I	U	I	T	A	M
A	E	N	O	E	L	I	E	S	L	A	E	U
V	N	E	U	P	I	S	N	E	N	P	P	R
I	S	S	R	S	N	N	D	R	O	M	S	E
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P	O	E	G	R	S	P	Y	O	H	Y	D	E
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K	N	I	H	T	L	R	I	N	E	E	W	D



Courage
Delete
Empathy
Feelings
Friendly

Honest
Kindness
Online
Pause
Post

Privacy
Reflect
Respect
Responsible
Rumor

Screenshot
Share
Speak
Think
Words

Hidden Message: _____

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