

Topic 2: Digital Footprint Awareness

Chapter 4: Responsible Internet Use · Topic 2

Key Concept

Every time we post, comment, search, or browse online, we create a digital footprint that can be tracked or seen by others.

A digital footprint can be active (things we post intentionally) or passive (data collected without our direct action, like browsing history).

Our digital footprint can affect our reputation, so it's important to think before posting anything online.

Being aware of our digital footprint helps us make responsible choices about what we share and how we behave online.

Quick Revision Notes

- A digital footprint is our online activity trail.
- Posting, searching and browsing create footprints.
- Active footprints are intentional posts.
- Passive footprints are collected data, like browsing history.
- Our footprint can affect our reputation.
- We should think before posting online.
- Awareness helps responsible online choices.
- Digital footprints are hard to fully erase.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss what your digital footprint might include.
- 2 Explain the difference between active and passive footprints.
- 3 Discuss why thinking before posting matters.
- 4 List three responsible online behaviours.
- 5 Discuss how a digital footprint could affect someone's future.
- 6 Talk about a rule for safe online posting.