

THINKING & MANAGING SELF



DIGI-KID

Playing in cyberspace

Noah sat down on the couch and powered up his tablet.

"Where are you going?" asked his aunty.

"Nowhere. I'm playing a game online."

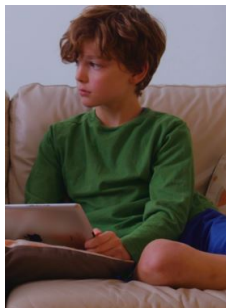
His aunty smiled. "I realise that but playing online means you are in cyberspace is a place - it's the same as going to the diary or to school. Aunty explained.

I'm meeting Wiremu in the game I was telling you about. See ... he's logged on. His player is called Doofus and I'm Digi-Kid." He said with a laugh.

His face darkened as he spotted a player logging on. "Uh oh." He groaned. "See that player? That's Ben from our school. He doesn't like Wiremu."



During the game, Noah noticed Ben is making some nasty comments about Wiremu again .



Noah thought about how Wiremu would be feeling right now. He wanted to be assertive and support his friend, and he wanted to let Ben know that it wasn't okay to be mean online or offline.

"Wiremu is a good friend of mine." He typed.
"Lets just comment on the game."

EXPLORE!

What do you think?

1. Assertive people are able to get their point across without upsetting others, or becoming upset themselves.
 - How did Noah achieve this online when the other player was being mean?
 - How might he achieve this if it happened offline?
2. Noah was talking to his class about his aunty's idea that "Cyberspace is a place it's the same as going to the dairy or to school."
 - What do you think about this idea?
3. These pictures are some people's ideas of what 'cyberspace' looks like.



- Draw or describe what 'cyberspace' looks like as a place to you.
- Pair up with a classmate and compare you ideas.
What's different about them?
What's similar?
- What ideas do you have about the way people should interact in 'cyberspace'?
Why do you think this?

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