

Let's discuss...



V

Vocabulary - What key vocabulary can we see in the text?

I

Inference - What ideas can we get from the text?

P

Prediction - What do we think could happen next?

E

Explaining - Explain what message the author wanted to get across?

R

Retrieval - How does it link to what we already know?

S

Summarise - How could we sum up this text?



Staying safe online

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- Stricter age checks for people **accessing** age-restricted content.
- Taking quick action when harmful content is identified.
- Making terms of service easy for children to understand.
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- Providing support to children who come across harmful content.
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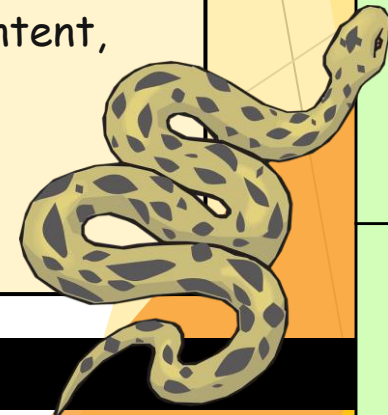
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