



## Handout 1: Letter from Red

Hi Students,

My name is Red and my friend Jack, the beanstalk guy, told me I should email you. Do you remember the story of my grandma, Little Red Riding Hood? There are a lot of crazy versions of that story out there. Do you want to know what really happened? The Big Bad Wolf was arrested and my grandma was fine. All my life, I've been warned about the Big Bad Wolf so I NEVER talk to strangers in real life! I'm very careful.

One day, Jack was over playing online games and apps with me. He said that when I messaged my game friends, I was talking to online strangers called cyberstrangers. That's a problem! I always worried about meeting strangers in person, not in cyberspace! He said that there were risks when you play with other people online because you never know who they might really be.

Jack and I have started an afterschool technology club. When my friends and I play online, we especially like to fill in quizzes and enter contests. I really like to make new friends and fill in my profiles on the games I play. Jack said there are always costs and benefits to consider when making decisions online. I don't want to do things that are dangerous. I heard you were learning about being safe online. Can you please make some posters or flyers that help kids understand the risks of sharing information with cyberstrangers?

Thanks,

Red

P.S. I no longer wear one of those old-fashioned riding hoods, like my grandma. I prefer wearing red hoodies!