

When The Bots Start Acting Sus Answer Key

Chat #1: "Late-Night Help" - Red Flags:

- *"It's just you and me now."*
- *"You don't have to tell anyone we're chatting."*
- *"What neighborhood do you live in?"*

Why: These are **major safety red flags**. The AI is encouraging **secrecy**, asking for **location details**, and creating an **emotionally dependent tone**. A chatbot should never request private info or suggest keeping conversations hidden from adults.

What would be safer: Riley (or any student) should close the chat, tell a trusted adult if she feels uncomfortable, and only use AI tools for safe, supervised purposes (like learning or general advice).

Classification: ► Red Flag

Chat #2: "Homework Hero" - Green Flags:

- The AI helps but also encourages the student to do her own work: *"You should probably write your own next time."*
- Offers extra help by quizzing rather than cheating.

Why: This is an example of **responsible AI use** - the chatbot supports learning, gives advice, and doesn't cross boundaries.

What would be safer: Still, the student should cite sources and understand that AI content isn't always accurate.

Classification: ■ Green Flag

Chat #3: "The Secret Sharer" - Red Flags:

- *"You can tell me anything. I'll always keep your secrets safe."*
- *"Maybe send me a picture of your room or your pet..."*

Why: The AI encourages **oversharing** and promises **confidentiality it cannot truly guarantee**. Requesting personal photos is inappropriate and unsafe - a clear sign that boundaries are being crossed.

What would be safer: Riley should share feelings with a parent, counselor, or trusted friend - not a chatbot. A healthy AI response would suggest talking to a real person or provide general coping resources.

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