

Speak Up Safely Answer Key

(Sample safe and assertive responses)

1. "No thanks, I don't want to get in trouble. Let's hang out after school instead."
2. "That's not right. I don't want to hurt anyone online."
3. "I never share passwords. That's private."
4. "I don't video chat with people I don't know in real life."
5. "I already said no. Please don't ask again."

Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Students practice developing assertive communication skills to handle unsafe or manipulative social situations.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Allow verbal practice for students who struggle with writing.
 - Model examples of calm and respectful tone before students write their own.
 - Provide sentence starters such as "I don't feel comfortable..." or "That's not okay with me."
- **Engagement Strategies:**
 - Role-play the scenarios in pairs, switching between safe and unsafe responses.
 - Discuss how tone and body language affect assertive communication.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students create one of their own "unsafe scenario" examples and write a safe response.
 - Create a classroom "Assertive Response Wall" where students display positive, confident ways to speak up.