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	Action	Narration/Dialogue
1	Fictional characters: Professor Pipkins and a group of students are in a classroom. The professor introduces herself and the name of the course.	Professor Pipkins: I'm Professor Pipkins and in this course we will learn about internet safety and how to protect ourselves when using social media. Now, let's begin.
2	Professor Pipkins and a group of students are in a classroom. The professor poses a question	Professor Pipkins: How many of you have at least one social media account?
3	All students raise their hands and professor continues introduction of the topic of Internet safety. The topic and information appears on the professor's white board as she speaks.	So, you all are among the majority. Did you know that a report by Common Sense Media found that 1 in 4 teens is a heavy social media user, using at least two different types of social media each day? In addition, 51% of teens visit social networking sites on a daily basis, and more than a third of teens visit their main social networking site several times a day.
4	Students are surprised by the information and male student speaks out.	Male Student 1: Wow! I had no idea teens spent so much time using social media!
5	Students are surprised by the information and male student speaks out.	Female Student 1: Neither did I! That's a lot of time!
6	Professor Pipkins continues to explain the assignment for the day as students listen.	Professor Pipkins: This is why it is so important to learn how to best stay safe. Please take notes on your computers. We will have a quiz tomorrow on these tips that I am about to discuss.
7	Professor Pipkins discusses tip # 1- Private Posts and Passwords	Professor Pipkins: Keep your posts private. It is important to use privacy settings that allow only friends to see your posts. This makes it more difficult for people you don't know to gain access to your information. Although privacy settings are helpful, remember, someone can still take a screenshot and share it. Nothing on the Internet is truly private. You must also never share your passwords. This gives others a way into your private information where they can manipulate your accounts or steal information.

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8	Professor Pipkins asks if anyone has questions about tip #1. Students are typing notes.	Professor Pipkins: Are there any questions regarding privacy?
9	Male student #1 asks a question	Male Student 1: I used to write my passwords in my journal, but my brother found it and logged into one of my accounts. He posted some pictures of me that I didn't want to share. Where do you recommend we keep passwords so that others can't get to them?
10	Professor Pipkins answers the question. Male student #1 nods in agreement	Professor Pipkins: Excellent Question! Using your browser's password storage is a great option. Chrome, Safari, Firefox and others have very secure storage. Your browser will even generate a password for you. Just be sure to set a master pin # to gain access to all your passwords and store it some place safe. Or if you prefer the pencil and paper method, that is fine too. Just make sure to keep it where others can't find it. Any other questions?
11	Professor Pipkins discusses tip # 2- Be Nice! Students nod in agreement	Professor Pipkins: Very well. Let's continue to tip # 2. When posting things on social media, you must always be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. Make sure to think twice before hitting "Enter." The post that you make can be used against you. I'm glad to see we are all in agreement.
12	Professor Pipkins discusses tip # 3- Be Aware of What you Share	Let's move on to tip #3. Be aware of what you share! It is extremely important to be careful what you share. Even if you're keeping posts private, it doesn't guarantee that other people won't be able to see it. For example, if you share a photo with your friends, they can easily save it to their computers and post it to another website. You shouldn't post or text something online unless you're comfortable with everyone in the world

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		seeing it. This includes sharing your location. It is not a good idea to tell the world where you are at any given time.
13	Female student #2 interjects with a comment	Female student #2- I saw on television where a family's house was burglarized after they posted their location while on vacation.
14	Professor Pipkins replies to female student #2 Students nod in agreement	This happens more often than you might think. You never know who is looking at your posts and waiting for an opportunity to do something harmful.
15	Professor Pipkins discusses tip # 4- Avoid Strangers	You should never ever add strangers to your friends list. Although it may be tempting to have thousands of "friends" online, this increases the chances that your photos and personal information will be shared with the world and as we learned already, this isn't safe.
16	Professor Pipkins discusses tip # 5- Think Before You Send	If there are no questions, we will close out with tip # 5: Think before you press "send". Things you post online may stay there for years. Even if something doesn't seem embarrassing, it may damage your reputation years later when you're looking for a job or applying to college. Employers and colleges often check social networking sites for information on candidates, so a photo or other post could lower their impression of you. You don't want to lose out on a great opportunity because of something you posted in your youth.
17	Male Student # 2 interjects with a comment	I've never thought about that. I don't want to lose a job because of a post.
18	Professor Pipkins sums up the lesson	Exactly! Social media can be a great tool, but we must use it wisely. Remember the 5 tips we've discussed today: Keep posts and passwords private, be nice, be aware of what you share, avoid strangers, and think before you send. Be sure to put what you've learned into practice. Any questions?

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19	Professor Pipkins ends the class	Thank you for your participation. I will see you bright and early for tomorrow's quiz.
20	Ending References	www.commonsensemedia.com https://www.verywellfamily.com/ways-social-media-affects-teen-mental-health-4144769 https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html