

# The Princess's Password



## ★ SUGGESTED GRADES

Primary and Intermediate

## ★ RESOURCE

### SPOTLIGHT

To help children remember the rules for creating strong passwords, go to [NetSmartzKids.org](http://NetSmartzKids.org) and watch “The Password Rap.”

## ★ INSTRUCTIONS

Use these questions to help children understand and discuss what happens to Nettie in the e-book *The Princess's Password*.



## ★ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. What happened to Nettie's virtual castle?

Nettie had a beautiful virtual castle with a lot of fun things inside, like ovens for baking cinnamon buns and piles of gold coins. Her princess wore a pretty dress and crown. When someone found out Nettie's password, they logged in to her game and changed everything. Her gold coins turned to hay, her dress and crown got dirty, and a dragon moved in to her fireplace!

### 2. How can someone find out what your password is?

If it is not a strong password, someone might be able to guess it. If you write it down, someone might see it. Also, if you log on to your game from a computer that other people use, like at school or the library, you may forget to sign out. You should be very careful with your password—keep it safe!

### 3. How did Nettie fix her castle?

Nettie made a new password and put everything back the way it was before. If someone ever plays a trick on you and breaks in to your online account, you can change your password to keep them out. You should also report it to the website so they can make sure it doesn't happen again.

### 4. What are some of the rules that Nettie follows to make her new password?

Nettie makes sure her new password is eight characters long. That means she chose a mix of eight numbers, symbols, and large and small letters. When you create a password, make sure it follows these rules. You can also use silly or made-up words.

### 5. What can Nettie do to prevent someone from getting her password again?

Nettie can make a strong password that's hard to guess and doesn't include personal information, like her name or address. She should also change her password often. Most importantly, she shouldn't share it with anyone but a trusted adult.

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