Be Internet Alert - useful words

| **Authentic** | Real, genuine, true, or accurate; not fake or copied. |
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| **Critical thinking** | Spotting if something isn’t right online, by asking questions and challenging what you see. |
| **Deceptive**  | Intended to make someone believe something that isnʼt true. |
| **Encrypted**  | When information or data is converted into a code. |
| **Firewall** | A computer program that protects it from most scams and tricks. |
| **Fraud** | A trick to get something from someone. |
| **Genuine** | Something that is real and true. |
| **Honest** | Something that is truthful and reliable. |
| **Malware** | Computer software that is designed to cause problems to a computer or server.  |
| **Misinformation** | Things online that may be partly, or completely, untrue – which might trick you into believing something. |
| **Phishing** | When someone tries to trick you into sharing your login or other personal information online.  |
| **Scam** | A dishonest attempt to make money or gain something of value. |
| **Spearphishing**  | A phishing scam where an attacker targets you by using pieces of your own personal information. |
| **Suspicious** | You may feel this way when you don’t trust something or someone. You think information may be fake or dishonest. |
| **Trustworthy**  | Something or someone that is reliable. |
| **Unreliable** | Something you can’t trust. You may be unsure that it’s true. |
| **Verifiable**  | Something that can be proven or shown to be true or correct. |