



Online Threats

Part 1

Nettie here! In our *Into the Cloud* adventure, Zion worked up the courage to tell his dad that someone threatened him online. Even though it can be hard, it is very important to tell a trusted adult if you are threatened or someone makes you uncomfortable online.

Read the following text messages. Circle the thumbs-up emoji if the message is friendly. Circle the thumbs-down emoji if the message is a threat or not appropriate.

1

OMG! Saw your picture. I love your new bike! I can't wait to ride bikes with you.



2

Hi. Send me pictures of you. If you don't, the police will come to your house.



3

If you want to continue to play this game, send \$50 now!



4

Just got back from a hike with my family. Can't wait to tell you about it and show you my pictures.



5

I took this silly photo of Eva when she wasn't looking. I know she would be embarrassed, but I'm sharing it anyway. If she does not want me to share it, she needs to give me \$10.



Part 2

Now it's your turn to use your NetSmartz skills. Carlos heard an embarrassing story about Max. Carlos tells Max that he will text the story to lots of people at school unless Max gives him his new bike. Max does not want anyone to know that story. What should Max do? Write your advice for Max on the back of this sheet.



NetSmartz® Safety Tip for Trusted Adults: Have kids keep their settings private across all online platforms. Talk to them about being careful about what information they share because it will be hard to take it down or control what happens to it. If children are ever threatened, blackmailed, or experience cyberbullying, they should not respond but tell a trusted adult instead. For more information and to view *Into the Cloud*, go to [NetSmartzKids.org](https://www.net-smartz.com).