Palo Alto - Cyber Playtime ep 4 - Phishing

Rhi: [00:00:00] Oh, Hey everyone! I'm Rhi and it's school holidays! I wonder what my bestfriend Ted's up to?

Gosh, Ted, what are you doing? (LOL)

Ted: I'm practicing! I'm so excited. My big brother Dan said, next time he visits, he's going to teach me everything about fishing!

Rhi: Fishing? Wow. I didn't know that you liked fishing.

Ted: Oh, I don't know either. I've never done it before. That's why I'm practicing. I want to impress my big brother. We were chatting on the phone last night and I told him all about our online gaming. And, about that new game we just discovered.

Rhi: Yes! The one with aaaaalllllll the free points and messages popping up all the time?

Ted: Yeah. [00:01:00] He said to be careful and that he was going to teach me all about fishing when he comes home for a visit.

Rhi: Oh!! I think your big brother meant PHishing, not Fishing.

Ted: Wait...what? What do you mean?

Rhi: Well...phishing with a "P" is when people try to trick or scam personal information from us when we are online. Fishing with an "F" well, that's actually catching fish.

Ted: Wow! So how do you know, which is which?

Rhi: Well, do you remember the other day when we played the new game, we kept getting interrupted with flashing messages and pop-ups?

Ted: Yeah, the messages for FREE points if we entered our names and birthdays ... free stuff!

Rhi: That's the one! Well, my stepmom checked in with me cause she can see when I'm online on her phone. Sometimes I think she has superpowers.

Ted: I know!

Rhi: So, she explained why those messages [00:02:00] come up and I think it's exactly what your brother Dan was talking about.

Ted: Yeah?

Rhi: Yeah. Are you ready for this Ted? We...are...the...fish! Those messages said that give us free points, if we entered our full names and birthdays. Of course, we really like free points. So those messages are the bait. They're the wiggly worms you put on the hook...because the fish like free worms.

Ted: Oh, no! I put my name in. Does that mean I've been hooked? What did I do?

I mean, how can I tell if it's safe to play and answer these questions or not?

Rhi: Well, sometimes it is pretty hard to spot phishing from just the fun activities that you play online. So my stepmum has said, that it depends on what they ask you to do or answer. Like...if the questions to get free points, [00:03:00] are like a quiz, well...then that's okay! But if they ask you something that only you can know, then you shouldn't answer them.

Ted: So a quiz is alright then? Like the quiz we won last week?

Rhi: Yes! Oohhh...you know what? Let's play a quiz show!

Ted: Sweet!

Rhi: Okay. So the rules are, we use the green flag for questions we know that we can safely answer online, and the red flag when we recognize questions that we should never answer online. The first to answer, gets a point. Are. You. Ready?

Ted: Thanks Rhi. You bet! I am the king of quizzes! Whoo whoo!!

Quiz Announcer: Welcome to "Rhi's Amazing Quiz Show"! Settle in, kick back and put your thinking caps on for the first [00:04:00] question. How many legs does a spider have?

Ted: Eight!

Rhi: That's right! But...you need to think about whether the question is a question that you should answer first.

Ted: Oh...okay, okay. Let's start again!

Quiz Announcer: What is a female donkey called?

Rhi: Oh! I know this one! It's called a Jenny!

Ted: A Jenny?! No way! My sister's name is Jenny! Hahaha..."hee-haw, hee-haw".

Quiz Announcer: Now, to win double points! What is your favorite dessert?

Ted: Oh, no! I want it to be faster than you, but I get it! Only I can know what my favorite dessert is. So if I answer, I'm giving away personal information, right?

Rhi: Yes. You get it! [00:05:00] And it's pretty hard when you're playing at such a fast pace.

Quiz Announcer: Ahhh...would you like to continue the game?

Ted: Oh, yes please.

Quiz Announcer: Which animal can't stick out its tongue.

Ted: Is it...the crocodile?

Rhi: Crocodile? That must be tough

Quiz Announcer: Bonus round!! With the answer to this question, you could win three points and a lifetime supply of ice cream!

Ted: Wow!

Quiz Announcer: What school do you go to?

Rhi: You can do it Ted. Think!

Ted: I really like ice cream...

Quiz Announcer: Congratulations, Ted! You chose wisely! I now pronounce your Quizmaster.[00:06:00]

Ted: Wow. I really thought I was going to lose it when I thought I was going to miss out on a lifetime supply of ice cream. It is really tricky to tell a phishing question apart from a genuine one when you need to be so quick!

Rhi: It sure is. I guess the rule of thumb should be, if you're not sure...don't answer! It's not the end of the world.

Ted: Yeah. Today I learned to definitely slow down and think, before I answer any questions online.

Rhi: Yes! And when something sounds too good to be true or seems like a fantastic deal...then it might just be bait and YOU might be the fish. You can always go and check with a grownup when something doesn't feel right.

Ted: Rhi...you are a gem! You're wise...and kind...and fun! And that's why you're my best friend!

Rhi: Right back at you, buddy! [00:07:00] Hey, do you want to come with me and my dad to the lake? He's a REAL fishermen and he can teach us how to catch...real fish.

Ted: That would be great! I'll come around. See you soon!

Rhi: Perfect! See you! Bye!