

Frog's Unwelcome Surprise!

KS1/2



Frog loved having time on his mum's tablet. He was allowed to use it for a little while every day to play games, take photos and complete homework. His mum always made sure he used the tablet downstairs in either the kitchen or the lounge, where she could see what he was doing.

"You mustn't take the tablet upstairs, Froggy," she said. "It is important that I know what you are using the tablet for, so I can make sure that you only use apps that are suitable for your age."

"But Mum..." Frog replied, sulkily, "all my friends use theirs in their bedroom AND they are allowed to download as many apps as they like." He slumped down on the sofa with the tablet on his lap.

Mum thought for a moment. "Well, I still need to know what you are doing. So, you must stay downstairs whilst you are using the tablet, please."

The following day, Frog played on his mum's tablet again after school. His friends had told him about a new game they were playing. and Frog was desperate to download it.

"Mum, can I download a new game?" he asked.

"Not now. I'll need to check it first. Perhaps we could do it tomorrow?" Frog's mum replied.

Frog was desperate to play the game. All of his friends would be talking about it at school the next day and he wouldn't have a clue what they were chatting about! He decided that he would download it anyway. His mum had gone into the kitchen to prepare dinner, so she would never know. He pressed the download button and waited.

Once the download had finished, Frog excitedly opened the game. His eyes widened as a huge snake appeared on the screen and opened its mouth towards him. Frog hated snakes. He let out a loud scream, which brought his mum rushing from the kitchen.

"Heavens, what has happened?" she asked

She looked at the screen and immediately took the tablet from Frog.

"What was that?" she asked, soothing Frog with a hug.

"That isn't a game I recognise."

"No Mum", he sobbed. "I'm sorry. I downloaded a new game because I couldn't wait to play it – but it has a huge snake at the start. I hate snakes!"

Mum hugged him tighter.

"Oh Froggy," she said in her kindest voice. "You see, that is why I download the apps and check them before you play. There is so much fun and learning to find online, but not everything will be suitable for you. It's my job to protect you from those things, just like I do in the real world, too."

"I know that now," replied Frog. "I'm sorry Mum. I will definitely get you to download apps from now on. I don't want another fright!"

Frog had learnt a valuable lesson that day. Not all things online were suitable for him. When older, he would be able to play the game, but he would always check any new apps with his mum first before downloading them.