

Follow The Digital Trail

Directions

Follow the trails of Mizzle the Mouse and Electra the Elephant. Fill in the chart below. Then answer the questions.

	Mizzle the Mouse	Electra the Elephant
1. Whose full name do you know?		✓
2. Whose house could you find?		✓
3. Whose birth date do you know?		✓
4. Whose username and password do you know?		✓
5. Who let out a secret on the Internet?		✓
6. Which animal can you describe better from his or her photo?		✓

Question

1. Who can the detectives find out more about, and why?

Electra, because we now know where Electra lives, what she looks like, and private and personal information about her life.

(Point out to students that having a bigger digital footprint means the detectives can learn more about them too.)

2. Which animal has a bigger digital footprint?

Electra, because she put more private and personal information online than Mizzle.



3. Mizzle says some funny things about himself on the Internet. What are they?

He says he likes Swiss cheese, his photo is of cheese, and he has a pet flea.

4. Is there anything that Electra posted on the Internet that could become a problem for her? If so, what and why?

Private and personal information (e.g., address, full name) allows others to learn more about her.

This could be unsafe. Saying that she fights with her brother could hurt her brother's feelings because it is public.

Teacher Key

