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We care about everyone's privacy.

Digital citizenship: thinking critically and using technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate

📝 Instructions

Being careful about sharing personal information is important. Look below at the list of online activities that often lead to personal information being collected, and discuss the activities on the list you've done. Get one or more family members together to help. Read the setup before doing the activity together!

🕊 Setup

Read aloud: We can't help but give up some of our information if we're active online, but there are lots of activities that seem fun in the moment or that promise something for free but that collect more information than we'd planned. We can discuss and decide which ones we should avoid in the future.

🕐 Activity

Read aloud: Let's read through each activity on the list and talk about the ones we've done and what personal information we might be giving up (for example, our name, phone number, or contact list). Then we'll discuss which ones we should avoid in the future.

Taking an online personality quiz	Example: "Take this short quiz to find out which Hogwarts house you'd be sorted into!"
Taking online surveys that offer free gifts	Example: "Answer a few questions to get a $25 gift card!"
Using social media accounts to sign up for new services or websites	Example: "Enter your email address, or sign up using your Facebook or Google account."
Downloading an app that only works if you let it access your contacts and location	Example: the app Tagged - Chill, Chat & Go Live!
Clicking an email link from a company (or one that looks like it's from a company)	Example: "Click here to get special offers!" or "Your account has been hacked. Click here to enter your password."

Which ones should you avoid in the future? Staying as aware as possible of how, when, where, and why you share personal information is a good first step toward protecting your online privacy!

Learn more about how to protect your privacy online at **commonsense.org/privacy-tips-for-families**!

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