

Keep It Private

*** DID YOU KNOW ...**

Privacy matters to everyone! In Spanish, the word “privado” means private.

Match the words to their definitions

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| Internet | something that you should keep to yourself, or share only with people you trust |
| credit | a piece of work that is new and created firsthand |
| private | an electronic system that connects billions of people using computers, phones, or other devices, and allows them to communicate with one another |
| original | public acknowledgement or praise given to a person |

*** WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

When might you be asked to give out private information on the computer?

1. Family Activity

Help a parent come up with a safe username to use on the Internet! To help your parent pick a username, find out:

- 1) his or her favorite pet or animal,
- 2) a favorite TV show, book or movie, and 3) his or her favorite numbers. Use the information to make a username and then double check that you followed all the “Common Sense” rules so that the username is safe and secure.

2. Tech It Up!

With a parent or family member, visit a website such as Eekoworld (<http://pbskids.org/eekoworld>) and sign up using a secure username that you pick together. (Note: On Eekoworld, the sign-up button is in the upper left corner if you’re staring at your computer screen!) Adults: You can use any site that you want for this activity, but we recommend sticking to a non-commercial website.

3. Common Sense Says ...

Many websites require you to create a username. A username is like a code name that you give yourself when you’re using the Internet. Never include any private information in your username, such as your real name, age, birthday, the name of your school or hometown, or parts of your address or phone number.

*** DO YOU REMEMBER ...**

What kinds of information you should keep to yourself when you use the Internet?

