

# Private and Personal Information



## \* DID YOU KNOW ...

One poll of tweens and teens found that one out of three kids shared information online that they wouldn't share in public. Yikes!

## Word Search

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## \* WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would be a good rule for kids about giving out private information online?

**\* DO YOU REMEMBER ...**  
 How you can protect yourself from online identity theft?

## 1. Family Activity

Take a set of flash cards or cut a large piece of paper into smaller strips. With a family member, write different pieces of information about you, your family members, or your family on each piece of paper (for example: "I love dogs," "I'm in Ms. Smith's class," or "We live at 123 Pine Road."). Take two jars or cups and label one "private information" and the other "personal information." Then, sort the strips of paper into the correct jar to practice identifying which pieces of information are private versus personal.

## 2. Tech It Up!

Ask a family member to show you a website that collects information about users. Together, look at the information the website asks users to fill out, and see whether you can identify the questions that prompt you for personal information vs. private information. (Hint: If an adult in the family is a Facebook user, Facebook or another social media platform can be used for this exercise.)

## 3. Common Sense Says ...

Private information is information that can be used to identify you, such as your social security number or your address. Personal information is information about you that can't be used to identify you, such as your age or your favorite foods. Personal information is usually safe to share online, but private information is usually unsafe to share online.