

IS THIS PRIVATE?

Think before you share: who is asking, why they need it, and whether you trust them.



A QUICK PRIVACY CHECK

Private information is information about you or your family that should not be shared with everyone. Examples include your home address, passwords, health information, and phone numbers. Some information may be safe to share with a trusted adult but not with a stranger or someone online. If you are unsure, pause, say no, and ask a trusted adult for help.

ASK YOURSELF: Who is asking? • Why do they need it? • Do I have permission to share it?

1. PRIVATE OR GENERAL?

Read each example. Tick the box that best fits. Be ready to explain one of your choices.

INFORMATION	PRIVATE	GENERAL	NOT SURE
My favorite animal	☐	☐	☐
The code that unlocks my tablet	☐	☐	☐
The name of our town	☐	☐	☐
My exact home address	☐	☐	☐
The time the library opens	☐	☐	☐
A medicine I take	☐	☐	☐
My parent's phone number	☐	☐	☐
How many days are in a week	☐	☐	☐
Where I am going after school	☐	☐	☐
A clear photo showing my school badge	☐	☐	☐
My favorite playground game	☐	☐	☐
My full date of birth	☐	☐	☐

PRACTISE WITH A PARTNER

Take turns asking and answering. A safe answer can be polite, clear, and firm.



2. ROLE-PLAY: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

For each scene, choose roles and act out a short conversation. First decide whether the requested information is private or general. Then write one sentence you could say.

A. Joining an online team

A player you have never met asks for your full name and the street where you live.

Roles: Player / You

☐ PRIVATE ☐ GENERAL ☐ NOT SURE

A safe answer I could give:

Why is this a good response?

B. Planning a class picnic

Your teacher asks which sandwich filling you prefer and whether you have a food allergy.

Roles: Teacher / Student

☐ PRIVATE ☐ GENERAL ☐ NOT SURE

A helpful answer I could give:

Why is this a good response?

C. Walking home

An unfamiliar adult asks where you are going and whether anyone is waiting for you at home.

Roles: Adult / Child

☐ PRIVATE ☐ GENERAL ☐ NOT SURE

A safe answer I could give:

Why is this a good response?

3. QUICK REFLECTION

One thing I can say when I do not want to share private information:

A trusted adult I can ask for help is: _____

Source: Adapted from Lorenz Prager, Digital Citizenship Education. Grundlagen und Lehr-Lern-Settings zur digitalen Mündigkeit, pp. 57-59.