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<p>Downloading and sharing music and movies is not stealing.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Others can pass on information that is supposed to be private.</p> <p>2</p>
<p>You should update your passwords often.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Nothing is really private online.</p> <p>4</p>
<p>It is important not to share addresses, phone numbers, or birth dates online.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Passing along a rumor or identifying someone in a picture (called tagging) affects other people's privacy.</p> <p>6</p>
<p>A powerful password does wonders to protect your accounts.</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Online flirting with strangers or acquaintances is always risky.</p> <p>8</p>

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<p>Privacy settings can block all hacking.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Posting things to bully, humiliate, or intimidate others doesn't hurt anyone.</p> <p>10</p>
<p>Clicking on advertisements doesn't hurt anything.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Once posted, it is easy to remove those things.</p> <p>12</p>
<p>It is okay to take and use anything you find online.</p> <p>13</p>	<p>It is important to only download from secure sites.</p> <p>14</p>
<p>Messages that ask you to share private information are red flags for scams.</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Flirting can quickly lead to inappropriate conversations or requests.</p> <p>16</p>

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<p>Copying and pasting material you find online into schoolwork is okay.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>If you suspect a scam, you shouldn't reply to it or click on links in the message.</p> <p>18</p>
<p>You can't block, ignore, or leave unwanted contacts.</p> <p>19</p>	<p>It is okay to share passwords with friends.</p> <p>20</p>
<p>Disabling internet "cookies" helps you keep companies from tracking your online behavior.</p> <p>21</p>	<p>It is important to come up with your own ideas instead of relying on other people's ideas you find on the internet.</p> <p>22</p>
<p>You should be thoughtful and polite when commenting on the work of others.</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Whatever gets created online goes away once you log off.</p> <p>24</p>

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<p>Be aware of what you post. Information can be found and used against you later.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>If something creepy or inappropriate happens, you will get in trouble if you tell a trusted adult about it.</p> <p>26</p>
<p>When you download pictures, movies, or music online without permission, you are breaking the law.</p> <p>27</p>	<p>You need to use privacy settings to ensure that your social media only allows who you want to see your profile.</p> <p>28</p>

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Parent Answer Sheet

Fact Statements

2. Others can pass on information that is supposed to be private.
3. You should update your passwords often.
4. Nothing is really private online.
5. It is important not to share addresses, phone numbers, or birth dates online.
6. Passing along a rumor or identifying someone in a picture (called tagging) affects others people's privacy.
7. A powerful password does wonders to protect your accounts.
8. Online flirting with strangers or acquaintances is always risky.
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28. You need to use privacy settings to ensure that your social media only allows who you want to see your profile.

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Parent Answer Sheet

Fiction Statements

1. Downloading and sharing music and movies is not stealing. (Unless it is done from sites that you have a legitimate subscription to, **it is piracy** and is, in fact, stealing.)

9. Privacy settings can block all hacking. (It is **important to use privacy settings** to help block hackers and inappropriate viewers, but they are **not foolproof**.)

10. Posting things to bully, humiliate, or intimidate others doesn't hurt anyone. (Posting things to bully, humiliate, or intimidate others **always hurts someone**.)

11. Clicking on advertisements doesn't hurt anything. (Some advertisements **can take you to inappropriate sites and can have computer viruses and bugs attached** to them.)

12. Once posted, it is easy to remove those things. (Once posted, things can **almost never be fully removed**.)

13. It is okay to take and use anything you find online. (Unless you have permission, things posted online are **the creative work and property of the original authors**.)

17. Copying and pasting material you find online into schoolwork is okay. (Copying and pasting material you find online is **plagiarism or stealing**. Encourage your teens to say things in their own words. It is okay to build upon the ideas of others but they should put it in their own words and give the original author credit)

19. You can't block, ignore, or leave unwanted contacts. (You **can** block, ignore, or leave unwanted contacts.)

20. It is okay to share passwords with friends. (You should **never share passwords** with friends because you never know who else might get ahold of them.)

24. Whatever gets created online goes away once you log off. (Actually, whatever gets created online **may never go away**.)

26. If something creepy or inappropriate happens, you will get in trouble if you tell a trusted adult about it. (If something creepy or inappropriate happens online, **it is important to tell a trusted adult** about it.)

Fact Detective

Fact Detective Clues

Using your favorite search engine (such as Google, Ask, Yahoo, or Bing) search for information that will tell you if the statement on the card is true or false. Search more than one site to make sure of your answer.

With each website you find, answer the following questions:

- Who wrote this? Check to make sure the author or organization is credible by looking at their title, expertise, and background.
- Dot what? Look at the web address. If the web address ends in .edu, then the material is from an educational institution such as a college or university. If it ends in .gov, it's from a government agency—and both of them are good signs.
- What is the source of information? Does the information come from a well-known newspaper or organization?
- When was this updated? Has the site been updated lately? If not, move on.
- What is this linked to? Was the site linked from another webpage you trust? That's not always a true signal of credibility, but it's probably a good sign.

For a closer look at the trustworthiness of a website, run it through the CRAAP test we have included in this tip sheet. The CRAAP test was developed by a group of librarians at Chico State University. You can search for “CRAAP test” online or check these links: http://www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval_websites.pdf or <http://www.gettysburg.edu/library/research/tips/webeval/index.dot>.

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<p>Great White Sharks are more deadly than mosquitoes.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>The town of Ashley, Kansas, and its entire population disappeared after an earthquake in 1952.</p> <p>2</p>
<p>If aliens on a planet 65 million light years away are looking at us right now, all they'll see are dinosaurs.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>You can take an insect, turn it into a bullet and fire it out of a gun.</p> <p>4</p>
<p>"Mike" was a headless chicken that lived for nearly two years without its head.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Each of us is made up of 7 octillion atoms (7 followed by 27 zeros) that are mostly empty space. If you could squeeze all the empty space out of those atoms, you could reduce the entire human race to the size of a sugar lump.</p> <p>6</p>

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Parent Answer Sheet

True Statements

3. If aliens on a planet 65 million light years away are looking at us right now, all they'll see are dinosaurs.
5. "Mike" was a headless chicken that lived for nearly two years without its head.
6. Each of us is made up of 7 octillion atoms (7 followed by 27 zeros) that are mostly empty space. If you could squeeze all the empty space out of those atoms, you could reduce the entire human race to the size of a sugar lump.

False Statements

1. Great White Sharks are more deadly than mosquitoes.
2. The town of Ashley, Kansas, and its entire population disappeared after an earthquake in 1952.
4. You can take an insect, turn it into a bullet and fire it out of a gun.

The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and whether your teacher would want you to!).

Currency: *the timeliness of the information*.....

- When was the information published or posted?_____
- Has the information been revised or updated?_____
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?_____
- Are the links functional?_____

Relevance: *the importance of the information for your needs*.....

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?_____
- Who is the intended audience?_____
- Is the information at an appropriate level?_____
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one?_____
- Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?_____

Authority: *the source of the information*.....

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?_____
- Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given?_____
- What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?_____
- What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic?_____
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?_____
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?_____

Accuracy: *the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content*.....

- Where does the information come from?_____
- Is the information supported by evidence?_____
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?_____
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?_____
- Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?_____
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?_____

Purpose: *the reason the information exists*.....

- What is the purpose of the information?_____
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?_____
- Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda?_____
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?_____
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?_____

45 - 50 Excellent | 40 - 44 Good | 35 -39 Average | 30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable | Below 30 - Unacceptable

Total: