

Think Before Sharing

Evaluate how online details can increase or reduce personal-information risk.

SS.8.FL.6.7 “Evaluate social networking sites and other online activity from the perspective of making individuals vulnerable to harm caused by identity theft or misuse of their personal information.”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that could expose a person's identity, location, or answers to security questions, and circle actions that reduce the risk.

Small Details, Bigger Risks

- ① Jordan creates a public profile for a local basketball league. The profile shows Jordan's first and last name, birthday, school, team schedule, and a photo in the team uniform. A stranger could combine the name, birthday, school, and schedule to learn when Jordan may be away from home or where to find more details. Public posts can also spread beyond the people Jordan knows. Even a friendly comment from an unknown account can reveal that someone is collecting information.
- ② A quiz app asks users to post the street where they grew up and tag three friends. The app promises a “memory map,” but its privacy notice says that posts may be visible to other users and may be used to personalize advertising. Sharing a childhood street can help someone guess security questions or connect a person to old records. Tagging friends adds their information too, even though they did not choose the post themselves.
- ③ Before accepting a follow request, Maya checks the account. Its profile photo is generic, it has few posts, and it follows hundreds of students from her school. Maya does not accept it or reply to its message asking which bus she rides. She saves a screenshot, blocks the account, and tells a trusted adult. These steps limit what the account can learn and preserve information that could help report suspicious contact if it is harmful.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1** Which four details on Jordan's profile could be combined to make Jordan more vulnerable? Explain one way the combined details could be misused.

- 2** Why is the quiz app's "memory map" post risky, even if the post seems harmless?

- 3** How could tagging three friends in the quiz post put those friends at risk?

- 4** Name two actions Maya takes to reduce risk, and explain how one action helps protect her information.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Invent a public social media post or online activity that could expose personal information. In three sentences, identify two risky details, explain one possible misuse, and give at least one safer change.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that could expose a person's identity, location, or answers to security questions, and circle actions that reduce the risk. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which four details on Jordan's profile could be combined to make Jordan more vulnerable? Explain one way the combined details could be misused.	Jordan's first and last name, birthday, school, and team schedule. Together, they could help a stranger learn where Jordan might be or find more personal details.
2	Why is the quiz app's "memory map" post risky, even if the post seems harmless?	A childhood street may help someone guess security questions or connect a person to old records. The post may also be visible to other users and used for advertising.
3	How could tagging three friends in the quiz post put those friends at risk?	Tagging adds the friends' information to the post, even though they did not choose to share it.
4	Name two actions Maya takes to reduce risk, and explain how one action helps protect her information.	Maya does not accept or reply to the account, saves a screenshot, blocks the account, and tells a trusted adult. Not replying or accepting limits what the account can learn about her.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A public concert post names the event, shows a ticket with a QR code, and says that Liam's family is out of town. A scammer could use the code or the travel detail to target Liam or try to enter the event using copied ticket information. Liam should share a photo without the code and wait to post travel details until the family returns.

Accept equivalent risks that accurately connect shared details to identity theft, account access, stalking, scams, or misuse of personal information. For the open response, require two specific risky details, a plausible misuse, and a safer action.