GRADES 6–8: DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FAMILY ACTIVITY

Relationships & Communication

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We know the power of words & actions.

Digital citizenship: thinking critically and using technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate

📝 Instructions

It's important to think about the impact of our online behavior on others. Think about what and where you share online and how it can affect your relationships. Get one or more family members together to help. Read the setup before doing the activity together!

🕊️ Setup

Read aloud: What we share online can affect our relationships in both positive and negative ways. Sometimes we post, text, or comment before really thinking about the consequences. We can practice thinking through how our online choices could affect others.

🕐 Activity

Read aloud: Let's read the sentence below. Then we can choose any one item from the "If I share" column and one from the "On/In" column to plug in to the sentence and discuss possible consequences. We can use the example to get ideas.

If I share (choose from list) on/in (choose from list), someone might (discuss possible scenarios).
For example: If I share *an embarrassing picture of my friend* on *a group snap*, someone might *feel embarrassed and angry*.

If I share ...	On/In ...
A sexy picture of myself	A text to my significant other
A fake news story	In-game chat
A cool video or piece of art I made	Tik Tok - including musical.ly
A negative comment about how someone looks	An email to older family members

How can actions online affect others, both positively and negatively? Can I make a practice of thinking things through before posting? Decide together if there are any adjustments you want to make around posting online.

Learn more about how to communicate online at **commonsense.org/online-relationships-tips-for-families**!