

Communication Scenarios

True or False?

1. On Sam's twelfth birthday his mum texts him a happy birthday message with a picture of Sam in the bath aged two. His mum shouldn't have done this because he isn't wearing any clothes in the photo and now everyone will be able to see it.

FALSE

A private message should be for
your eyes only.

2. Sophie has an online friend who lives in Germany and has sent her some pictures of her house and her pets; she asks Sophie to send her some photos of what her house looks like. It is OK for Sophie to do this because her online friend lives in a different country.

FALSE

There is no guarantee that
someone you meet online is the
person they say they are

3. Maria fell out with her best friend a few weeks ago. Recently she's started getting horrible texts from an unknown number. She knows that the best thing to do is send a reply telling them to leave her alone and then block the number and tell her parents.

TRUE

Using the phone to bully
someone in this way is called
cyberbullying

4. Ayman's friend has told him that this girl at school really fancies him. Ayman is too shy to speak to her. His friend says it would be safe for Ayman to send her his mobile number in a private message on Facebook.

TRUE

Using the private message facility
indicates that the information is
not for sharing publicly

5. Leroy's older brother lets him use his games console when he's out. He said it is safe for Leroy to use it on his own because all his 16-rated games are password protected.

FALSE

Parental controls on games consoles are there to protect you.

6. While Jade is away on summer holiday her boyfriend asks her to send him a picture of her on the beach. She is uncomfortable with doing this because once you send a picture from your phone, there is no way of getting it back or deleting it.

TRUE

Once a message has been sent, you
no longer have control over it.

7. Amy has sent her best friend Denise a really funny picture of a boy at school, which he sent her as a private message. Denise tells Amy she shouldn't have shared it with her because it's wrong to share private messages or pictures, even with your best friend.

TRUE

A private message means just that: private i.e. not for sharing. Friends should be able to trust one another.

8. One of Ali's Instant Messenger buddies has asked him to meet up with him in the local park. Ali replies to say he can't go without an adult's permission. Ali should give his mum's phone number so the buddy can call her and check it's OK.

FALSE

Don't share other people's private information – it could put them at risk too.