



LifeSmarts U Technology Lesson

Be Smart Online: Agree, Disagree, Maybe If... ACTIVITY KEY

Directions:

Check the box next to each statement that best describes your current opinion. In the "Because" space below each explain why you think your answer is correct.

1. If you know how, online posts and cell phone texts can be permanently deleted.

- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Nothing sent into cyberspace is ever really gone. Files may be deleted from servers, but there is no way to know if they are in storage.

2. Experts say it is "safe" to follow a link in a friend's email or on a trustworthy website.

- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Experts say to enter the website you want to visit in your browser. It is safer than clicking through.

3. Smart phones do not need security software, but your computer and notepad do.

- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Smart phones need security software and system updates just like your computer.

4. Worms, Trojans and viruses are names for the same thing.

- ☐ Agree
☐ Disagree
☒ Maybe, if...

They are all forms of malware, but each operates a little differently. Viruses are code embedded in a data or program file. Worms are separate from other applications and run in the background on your computer. Trojans are sneaky, you think they are one thing, but they are something else that is purposely designed to cause problems.

5. Identity theft is a crime aimed at adults, not teens.

- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Identity thieves steal information from people of all ages. Your personal information can create an identity for someone else to use for many purposes.



6. One type of computer malware can log your keystrokes, recording everything you type on your keyboard, including your passwords.

- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Keystroke loggers want to steal your private information and use it for their gain.

7. It is more difficult to distinguish between a fake and an authentic webpage on a mobile device than it is on a computer.

- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

On a mobile device, the screen is small and it is difficult to see the entire URL bar, the main piece of information that could alert you to phishing.

8. Most teenagers know what private information to protect when using the Internet.

- ☐ Agree
☐ Disagree
☒ Maybe, if...

You would never reveal your social security or bank account numbers, but teenagers routinely reveal birthdates, addresses and unique information that is very helpful to an identity thief.

9. If you do not open a digital file, there is no risk of infecting your computer or smart phone with a virus.

- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

Viruses and malware can enter your devices in a wide variety of sneaky ways. It is important to have and update security software.

10. The three most common passwords used in the United States are "password," "password1" and "123456."

- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Maybe, if...

These most common passwords are an invitation to hackers.