

Auditing Privacy Settings

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to locate and evaluate privacy settings on a device or app with a parent/guardian, and identify what information is being shared.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A family device (phone, tablet, or computer) with a parent/guardian present
- paper
- pencil
- ruler

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. With a parent/guardian's help and permission, choose ONE app or device setting menu to review together (e.g., a game app, a school platform, or general device location settings).
2. Create a 3-column chart on paper: Setting Name, What It Controls, Current Setting (On/Off or Public/Private).
3. Go through the privacy/settings menu together and record at least 5 different settings you find in your chart.
4. Discuss with your parent/guardian whether each setting should stay the same or be changed, and mark your recommendation in a 4th column.
5. With your parent/guardian's permission, make at least one change together, and record what you changed and why.

QUESTIONS

1. **What app or device did you review, and list 2 privacy settings you found.**

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2. **What change (if any) did you and your parent/guardian make, and why did you decide to make it?**

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3. **Why might a setting that seems harmless (like showing your online status) actually be a privacy or safety concern?**
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4. **Why is it a good habit to review privacy settings regularly instead of just setting them once and forgetting about them?**
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