

TEACHER ANSWER KEY · GRADES 6-8

Private by design

Worksheet 1: Privacy audit: Jordan's profile



1. Profile basics: Jordan's username and bio show a full name, grade, school name, team, jersey number and birthday, and the account is public to anyone.

What is the best fix?

- ☐ Keep the bio but add 'no strangers please'
 - ☐ Switch the account to private, use a nickname, and remove school, team, jersey number and birthday from the bio ✓
 - ☐ Delete the account and make a new public one with the same bio
- Switch to private, use a nickname and trim the bio to things that do not identify Jordan's school, team or birthday.**

Name plus school plus team plus birthday lets a stranger find Jordan in person and guess security answers. A private account lets Jordan choose the audience.



2. Location sharing: Jordan's real-time location is visible on a map to all 640 followers, including about 490 people Jordan has never met.

What should Jordan change?

- ☐ Turn location sharing off, or limit it to two or three people Jordan knows in real life, with a parent or guardian aware ✓
 - ☐ Leave it on but only post during school hours
 - ☐ Leave it on because followers already know the school anyway
- Turn it off or share only with a short list of trusted people, and let a parent or guardian know who is on the list.**

A live map shows where Jordan is right now and, over time, where Jordan lives and spends weekends. Hundreds of strangers should not have that.



3. Front porch selfie: In the background you can read the house number 2417 and part of a street sign, and Jordan's school ID badge is hanging on a lanyard.

What is the best move?

- ☐ Add a filter so the photo looks less clear
- ☐ Leave it up because the post is only a selfie
- ☐ Delete or crop the photo so the house number, street sign and ID badge do not show, and check backgrounds before posting next time ✓

Delete it or crop out the house number, street sign and ID badge, and make a habit of checking backgrounds.

Background clues add up to a home address and a school. A filter does not hide numbers well, and an ID badge can show a name, photo and ID number.



4. Saturday post: 'Every Saturday 9 a.m. at the Riverside Park courts, come watch us,' with the location tagged.

What is the risk and the fix?

- ☐ No risk, because parks are public places
 - ☐ It tells strangers exactly where Jordan will be every week; remove the schedule and location tag, and post about games afterward instead of before ✓
 - ☐ Change the post to say 'every Saturday morning' and keep the tag
- Remove the repeating schedule and the location tag; share game photos after the event, not before.**

A repeating time and place is a pattern anyone can use. Posting after the fact keeps the fun without announcing where you will be.



5. Sleepover photo: Jordan posted a group photo from a sleepover. Earlier that night, Maya texted Jordan, 'please don't post that one.' Maya is tagged in it.

What should Jordan do?

- ☐ Take the photo down, remove the tag and apologize to Maya ✓
 - ☐ Keep it up but remove the tag
 - ☐ Keep it up because Maya looks fine in it
- Take it down, remove the tag and apologize. Next time, ask before posting anyone else.**

Maya said no. People can have reasons they do not share, including family or safety reasons. Removing only the tag still leaves Maya's face public.



6. Story screenshot: Jordan posted a screenshot of the volleyball group chat to make a joke. The screenshot shows four teammates' full names and phone numbers, such as 555-0142 and 555-0167.

What is the problem and the fix?

- ☐ It is fine because the story disappears in 24 hours
 - ☐ Blur the names but leave the phone numbers
 - ☐ Delete the story now and ask before sharing anyone's messages; anyone could have already screenshotted the numbers ✓
- Delete the story right away, tell the teammates so they can watch for strange texts, and do not share group chats without asking.**

Phone numbers and names are other people's private information. A disappearing story can be screenshotted by any viewer, so the numbers may already be copied.

Worksheet 2: My privacy check-up

CHECK IT

- ☐ **My account is private or friends-only where the app allows it, and I know who can see my posts.**
You choose your audience instead of letting anyone follow along.
- ☐ **My display name and bio skip my full name, school, grade, team schedule, birthday and address.**
These details together let a stranger find you and guess security answers.
- ☐ **Location sharing is off, or shared only with a few people I know in real life, and a parent or guardian knows who is on the list.**
A live map shows where you are now and, over time, where you live.
- ☐ **Location tagging is off in my camera, and I check photo backgrounds for house numbers, street signs, school logos and ID badges.**
Some photos store where they were taken, and backgrounds can give away places.
- ☐ **Only people I choose can message me, add me to group chats or tag me, and tags need my approval.**
This keeps strangers and spam out and stops others from attaching your name to posts.
- ☐ **I ask before I post or forward a photo, video, chat or phone number that belongs to someone else, and I take it down if they ask.**
Other people's information and images are theirs to share, not yours.
- ☐ **I deleted or locked old accounts I no longer use, and each account has its own password.**
Forgotten public accounts keep sharing old information, and a reused password lets one leak unlock many accounts.
- ☐ **I know how to report and block in this app, and I know which adult I would tell if something I shared got passed around.**
Fast help keeps a bad moment from growing. Nobody gets in trouble for asking for help.

Scenario cards

CARD	MODEL ANSWER
1. The live map	Say no or share for a short time only if a parent or guardian agrees. Keep in touch by messaging instead. Permanent location sharing should be limited to a few people you know well and trust in real life.
2. Gone in 10 seconds	Anyone can screenshot it, so it may last forever. Do not save or forward it, tell your friend it is not okay, and tell an adult if it keeps spreading. Disappearing messages disappear from the app, not from someone's camera roll. The student in the photo did not agree to be shared.
3. Venting gone public	Do not fire back. Save a screenshot of the story, ask the person to take it down, report it if they refuse, and talk to a trusted adult or the counselor. Responding with anger usually spreads it further. Saving evidence and getting help puts you back in control.
4. Your celebrity name	Skip it. Pet names and street names are common security-question answers. Fun quizzes can collect the exact details used to reset passwords.
5. The away game livestream	Wait and post highlights after the game, with no bus number, schedule or road signs in view. A live stream with a jersey, a bus number and road signs tells viewers where a group of students is right now.
6. Forty strangers in the chat	Do not post your number or address. Leave the chat if you can, and tell an adult if strangers are collecting information. In a big group chat, you do not control who reads, screenshots or forwards what you share.
7. The fourth-grade account	Log in, delete the videos or the whole account, or switch it to private. If you cannot log in, ask a parent to help with the app's account recovery. Old accounts keep adding to your digital footprint even when you forgot about them.
8. Field trip photo	Do not post it, or crop or choose a photo without that classmate. Respect the no without asking why. Some families have privacy or safety reasons for keeping a child's image offline. Consent means respecting a no.
9. Trading the original file	The original file may include location data showing where it was taken, plus anything visible in your room. Send a cropped screenshot instead, or skip it. Some cameras save location data inside the photo file. A screenshot or cropped image shares less.
10. Tag, you're it	Turn on tag review so tags need your approval, remove the tags, block the account and tell a trusted adult if it continues. Tag review stops other people from attaching your name and school to posts you never approved.

Exit ticket

QUESTION	ANSWER
Name two details in a photo background that can reveal where you live or go to school.	Any two of: house number, street sign, school logo or mascot, ID badge or lanyard, team jersey with school name, bus number, a recognizable local landmark.
What is the safest location-sharing setting for most middle schoolers?	Off, or on only for a few specific people they know in real life, with a parent or guardian aware. Not 'all friends' or 'all followers'.
Before you post or forward a photo or screenshot that shows someone else, what do you do?	Ask them first, respect a no and take it down if they ask later. Do not forward other people's chats or numbers without permission.