

# Digital Footprint & Identity



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We define  
who we are.

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

 You've been learning about defining who you are online, and now it's time to help your family do the same!

 **Pssst** -- here's a secret: You're at an advantage, because you're also powerful. Not only do app developers adjust their products around your likes and dislikes, but also you grew up with smartphones and social media. Now you're learning how to be a responsible digital citizen. It's time for you to be an expert for your family and share your knowledge with them.

In class you used some resources, wrote down ideas, and formed opinions. Now it's time to share them. So, grab an available family member, and show them what you know.

## 1 Discuss

Start by choosing one of the questions below. Once you've chosen, take a few minutes to discuss your ideas together. Remember, just like in class, there's no right or wrong answer, but be sure to support your ideas with reasons:

- What actions do I take online that contribute to my online identity? How do those actions shape my online identity?
- Have you ever posted a picture of someone or posted about someone without asking first? How might they feel about it?
- Why is my digital footprint important? How might what I post online affect my life in concrete ways (future opportunities, etc.)?

## 2 Share

Now share your completed assignment and -- if you have time -- show one or more of the resources you used in class. Take another minute to discuss:

- What do you think are the most important things to know about this topic?

## 3 Reflect

Answer this question together:

- What can we do as a family to protect our own digital footprints and other family members' footprints, too (asking before posting a picture, etc.)?

**Make sure to keep talking!**

Learn more about how to define your digital footprint at [commonsense.org/digital-footprint-tips-for-families](https://commonsense.org/digital-footprint-tips-for-families).