

PRACTICE USING THE WWW TOOL (worksheet)

STORY 1

Eric is 12 and loves playing online games. Recently when he was playing one of his favorite games another player who Eric had played with in the past but didn't know personally asks: *Where do you go to school? Where do you live?*

WHAT information is being requested? _____

WHO is asking for information? _____

WHY they need this information? _____

IS IT SAFE TO PROCEED, WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

STORY 2

Sam is in 7th grade, he is rather shy and wishes he could make more friends at school outside of his small circle of friends. So when a few of the kids from one of his classes send friend requests to his social media account, he jumps at the chance to friend them.

WHAT information is being requested? _____

WHO is asking for information? _____

WHY they need this information? _____

IS IT SAFE TO PROCEED, WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

STORY 3

7th grade students Emily and Robin lived in the same neighborhood and had been good friends since third grade. But last year Robin’s family moved hundreds of miles away. Now the girls keep in touch through texting and a social media site that both sets of parents have approved of them using. While on the social media site one afternoon, Emily receives a friend request from someone she doesn’t know. But seeing that the unknown contact is an online friend of Robin’s, she accepts the request. Soon this person begins asking Emily for personal information including her phone number.

WHAT information is being requested? _____

WHO is asking for information? _____

WHY they need this information? _____

IS IT SAFE TO PROCEED, WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

STORY 4

On one of her social media sites, 8th grade student Jemma gets a new follower — “Robert.” Robert likes and comments on Jemma’s posts, always saying something nice and flattering that makes Jemma feel good about herself. Although she does not know Robert in real life, she gets to know him slowly online over the course of many months and feels comfortable communicating with him. Over time they establish an online relationship. When Jemma discovers that he lives nearby and offers to meet her, she jumps at the chance.

WHAT information is being requested? _____

WHO is asking for information? _____

WHY they need this information? _____

IS IT SAFE TO PROCEED, WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

ONLINE SAFETY 101

- **Never share personal information online.** This includes your name, address, telephone number, birthdate, social security number, name of school, parent information, passwords, etc.
- **Don't respond to text messages or emails unless you know who they are from.**
- **Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with a stranger you meet online.** If someone asks to meet you, tell a trusted adult immediately.

If something online makes you feel uncomfortable, ask yourself:

W – What information is being requested of me?

W – Who is asking for personal information?

W – Why do they need this personal information

**If you can't come up with a reasonable answer for each question above,
beware!**