

Primary 7-11 Lesson



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: “Would you like to start your own business?”



Yes

68.9%

No

31.1%

“Yes, I want to start my own business because you can get more money and can choose what time you want to spend working 💰”
Holland House School

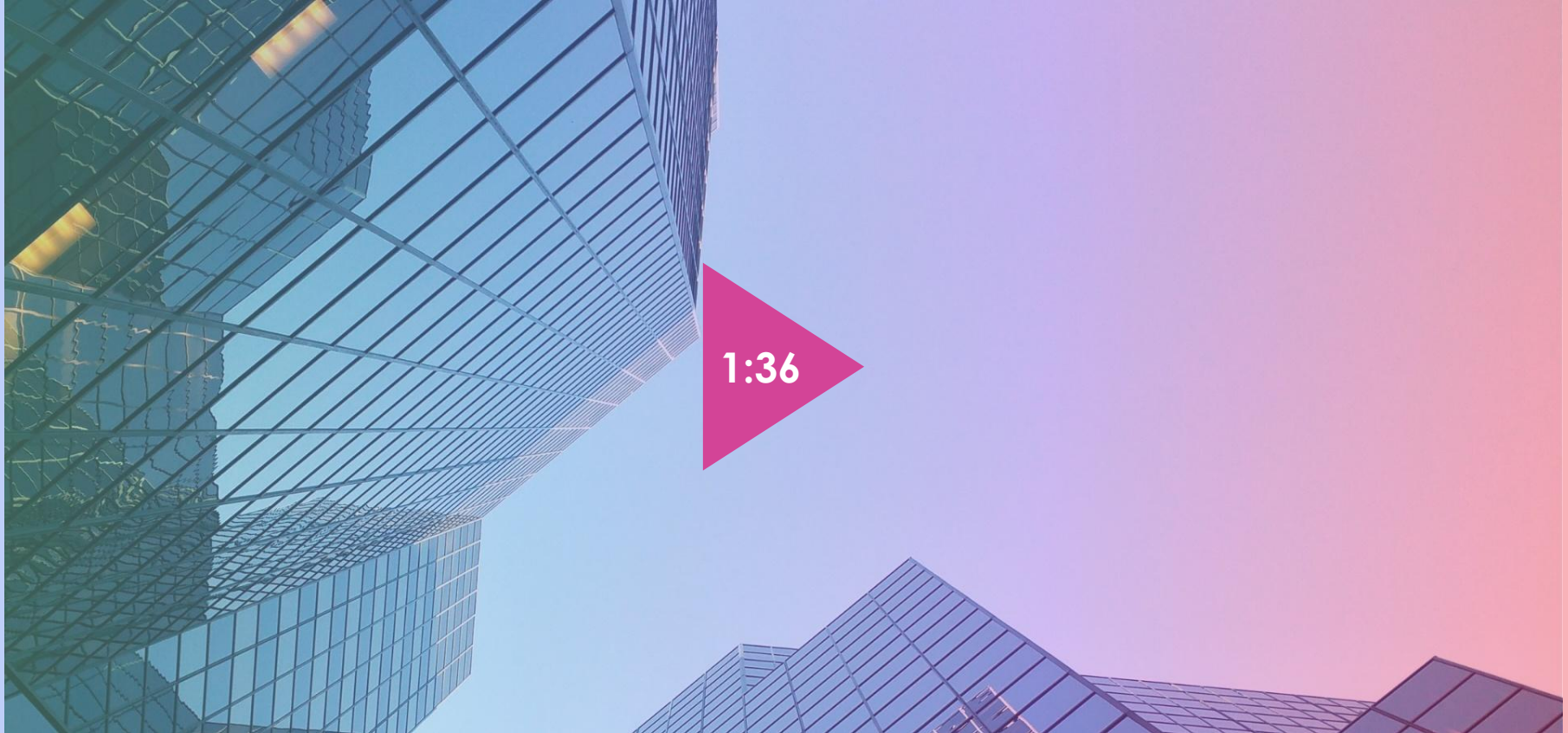
“I think if you have your own business, it is really important you learn how to run it properly and have training just like you would if you were a nurse.”
East Park Academy

“If you work for someone, your boss pays the taxes, and you still get money when you are off sick.”
Homerswood Primary & Nursery School

“No because it will take years to make your own business but a couple of weeks to get a regular job.”
Esteem Valley Academy

54,244 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your latest results: “Would you like to start your own business?”



Click to hear from Ola Kolade, Employment & Skills Director at Business in the Community, about his thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

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Click to hear from Leyla Hart-Svensson, Managing Director of Research at SEC Newgate, about her thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

Your views on “Would you like to start your own business?” were also heard by:



B Corp



Young Enterprise



The Careers and Enterprise Company



Business in the Community



The Skills Builder Partnership



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Today's VoteTopic:

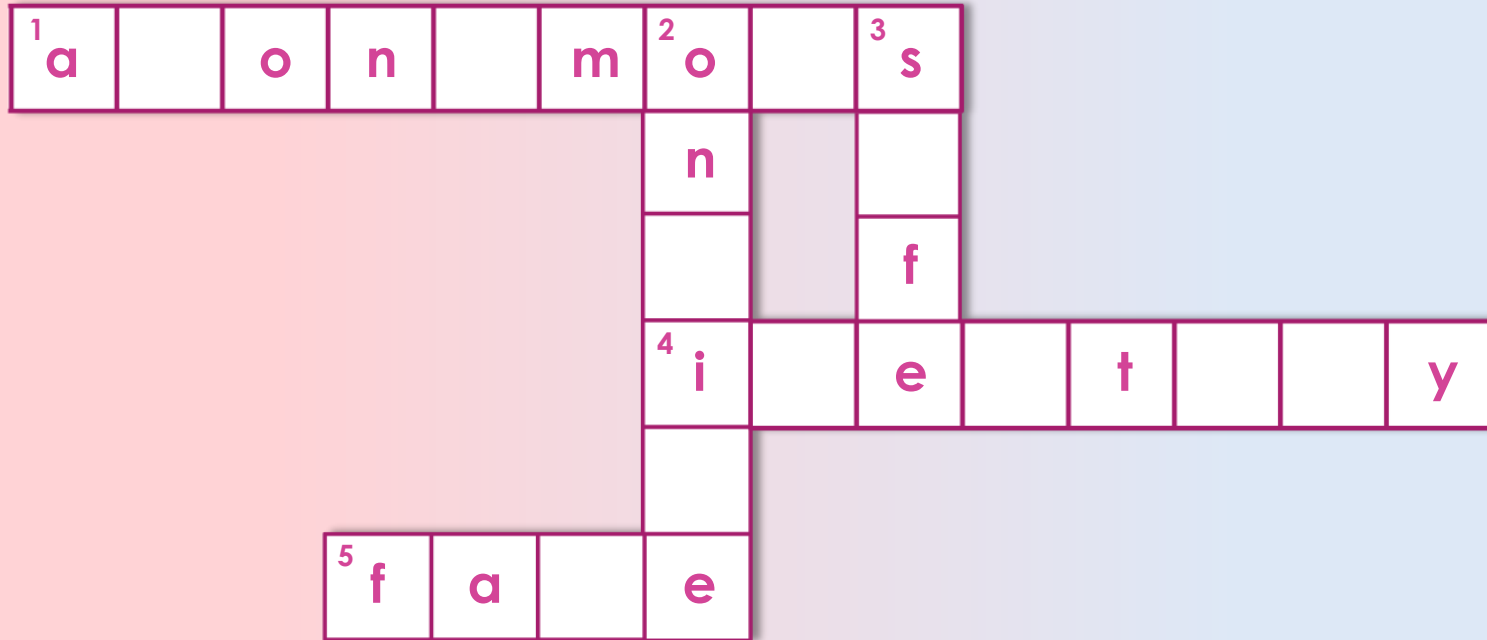
Should people be allowed to be anonymous online?

UNCRC Article 7:
Name &
nationality

UN SDG 3:
Good health &
wellbeing

VfS Key Theme 2:
Equalities &
identity

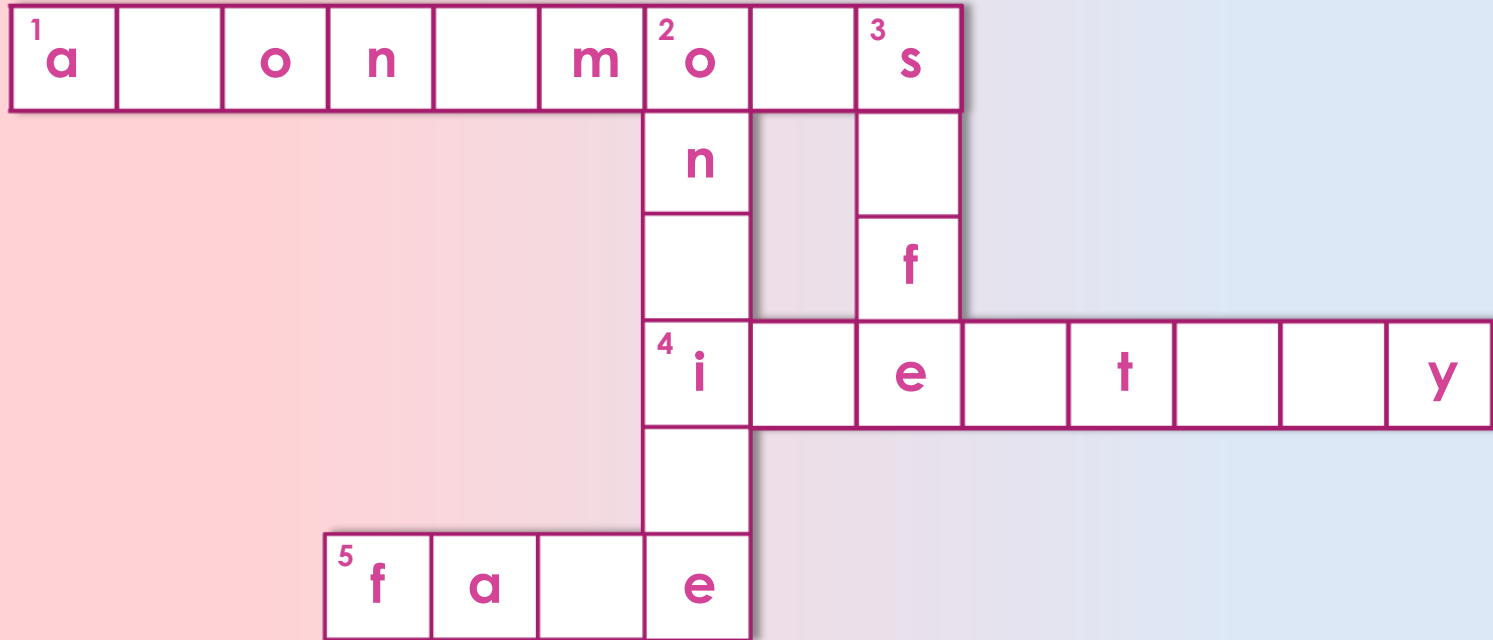
1 Putting together the puzzle pieces



Class activity (2-3 mins)

Use the **clues** and **letters** to find **five key words** that we'll be **using** in **today's lesson**.

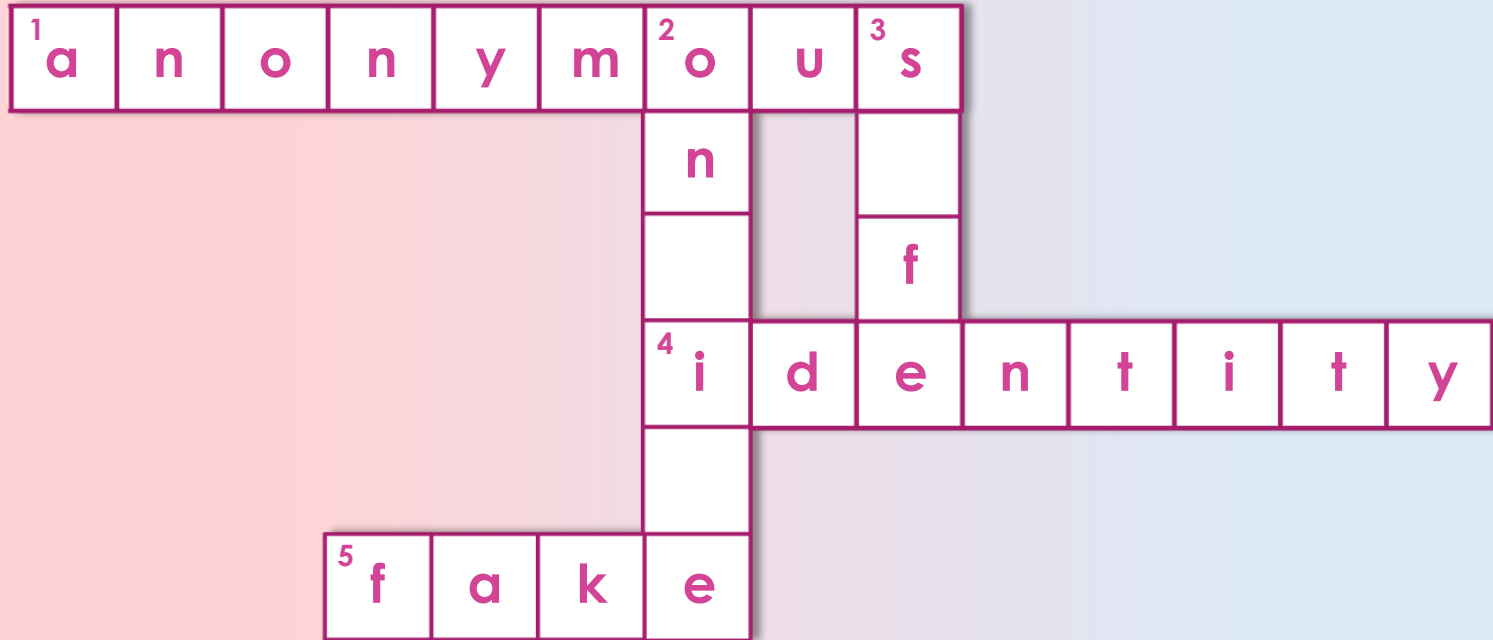
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4. a person's name and other facts about who they are
5. not real, but made to seem real

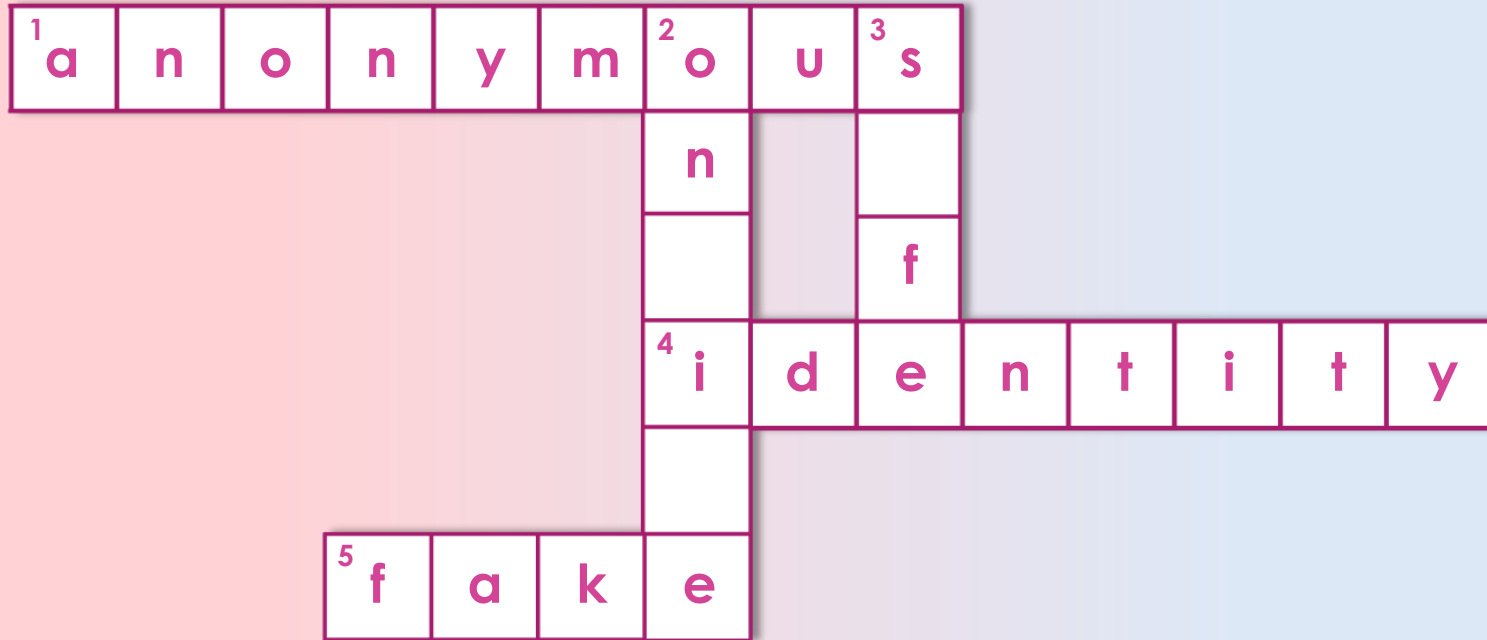
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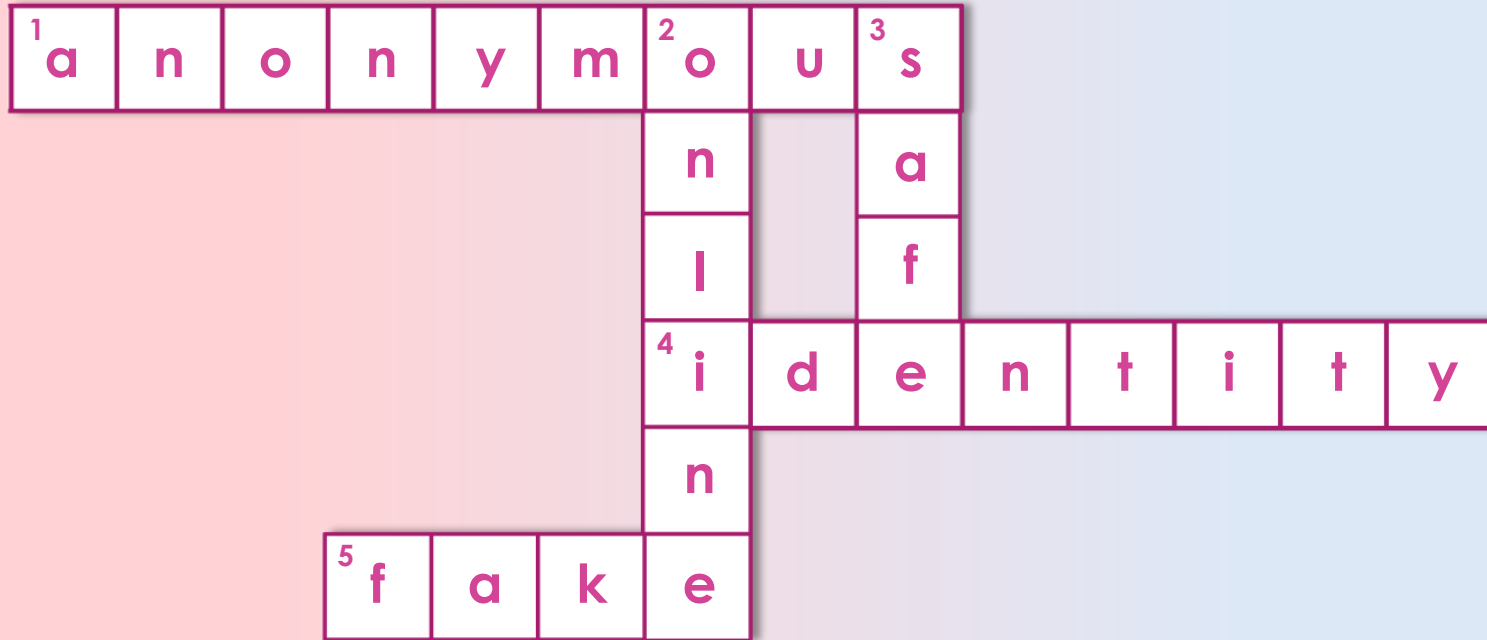
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2 Why are we talking about this?



Today we're going to be talking about **anonymity**. Let's take a closer look at what that **word means** and how it **can change** how **people behave online**.

Class activity (1 min)
Click the **play button** to **watch the video** and **learn more** about **anonymity**.



2 Why are we talking about this?



Sometimes, people's **identities** are kept **anonymous online** to help **keep them safe**.

For example, someone might **display a username** instead of their **real name**.

They might even have an **avatar** as their **profile picture** instead of a **photo**.

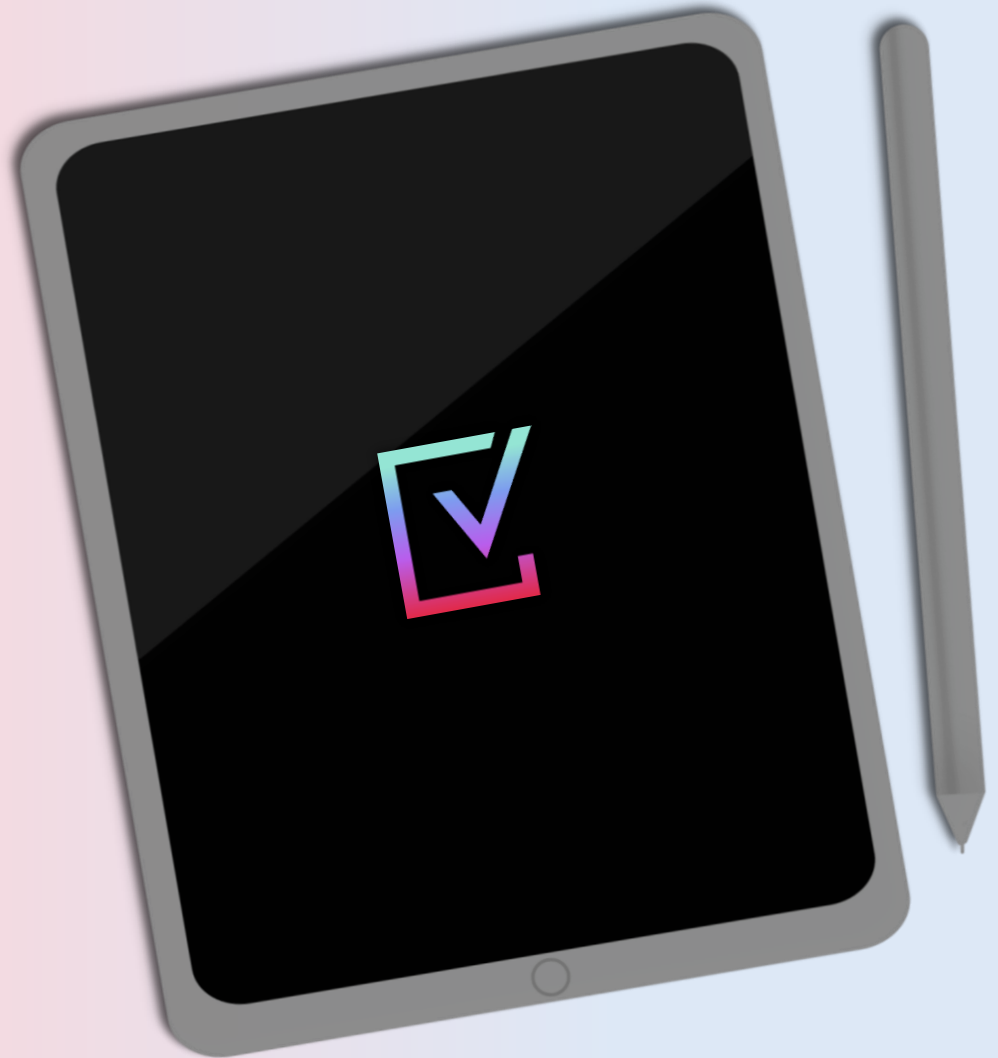
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Other times, being **anonymous** allows people to **share their thoughts and feelings** more **freely**.

Did you know?

Your VotesforSchools votes and comments are kept anonymous.



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However, **some people take advantage** of others **not knowing who they are**.

They think they can **get away with saying or doing things** online that they **wouldn't do** if they were **face to face** with someone, like **bullying** and **cybercrime**.

Challenge (1 min)

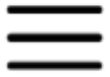
We talked about cybercrime in a recent VoteTopic. What is it?

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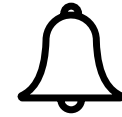


With all that in mind, **should people be allowed to be anonymous online?**
Let's decide today!





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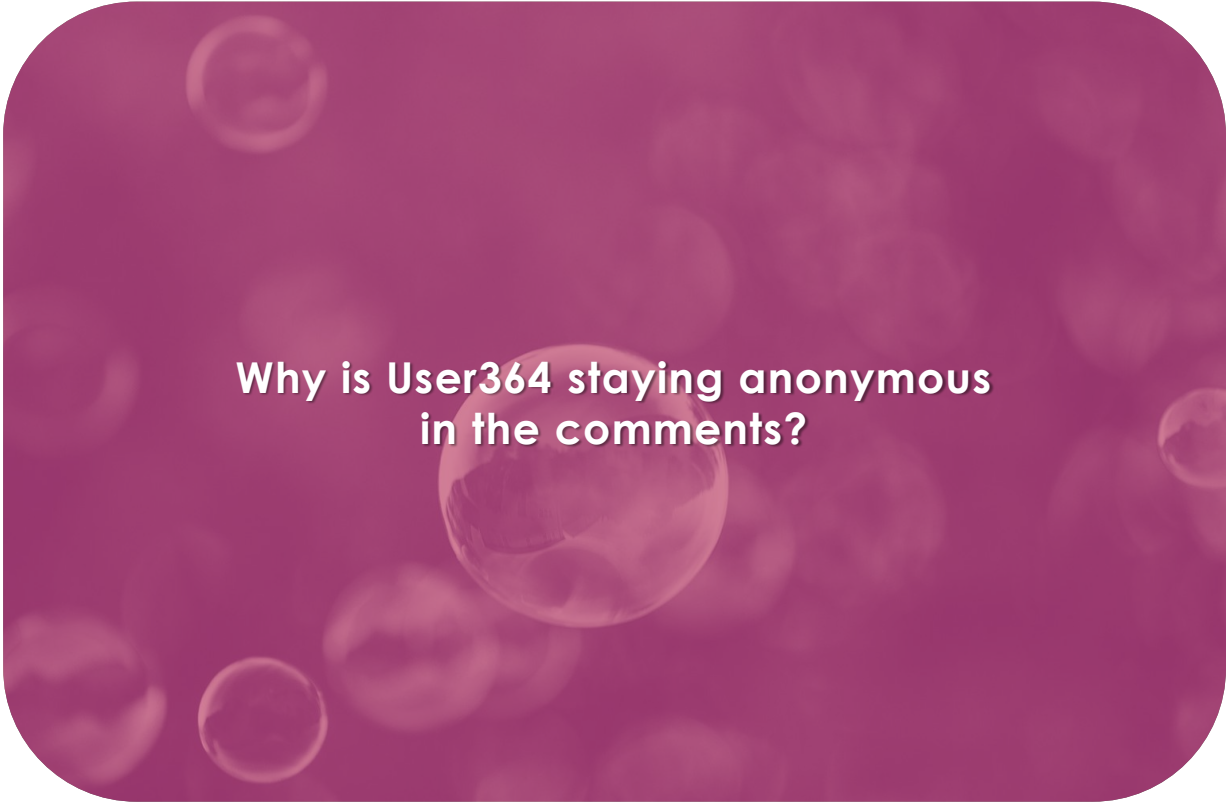
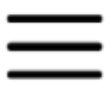


Pair activity (5-10 mins)

Over the next few slides, you will see some of the **different ways** people **stay anonymous online**. As you read each one, think about **why someone is staying anonymous** in **each scenario**. **Share your thoughts** with your partner.







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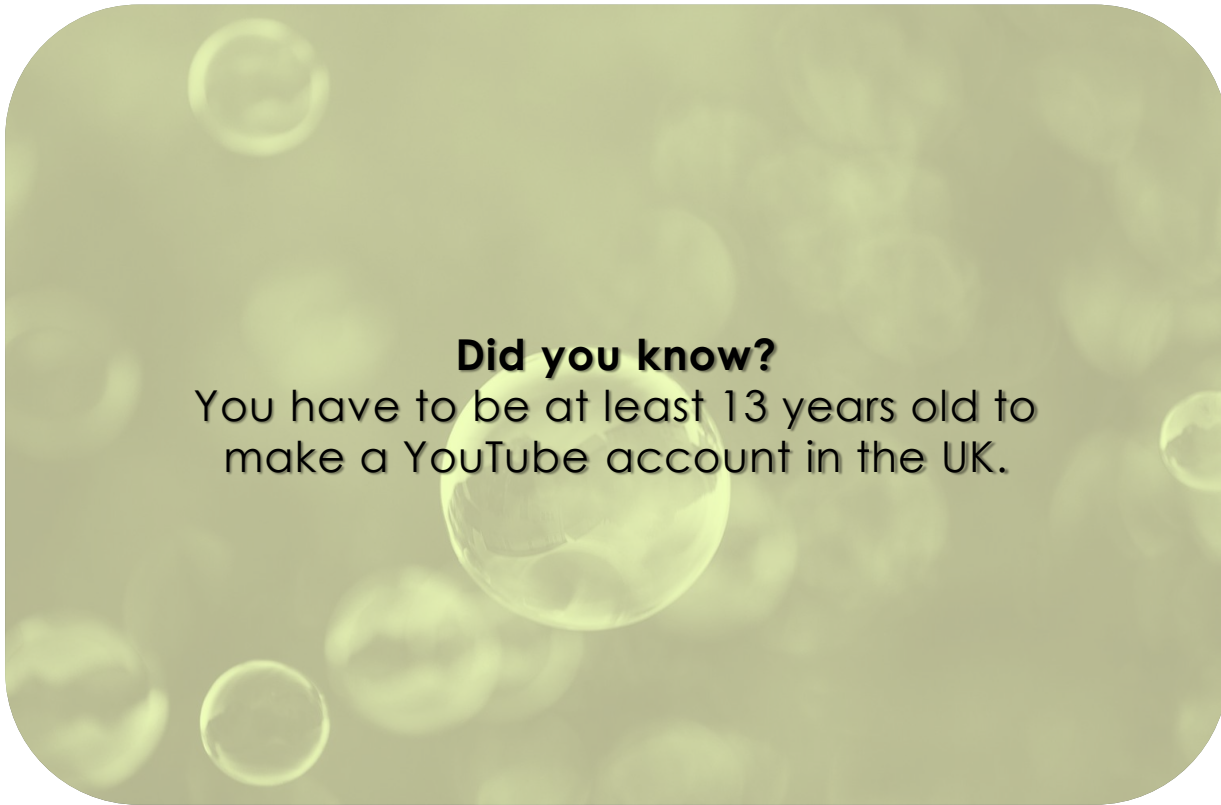
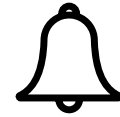
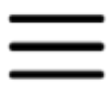
People can stay anonymous in real life and online.



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Why are these users staying anonymous on the message board?



SparklySmilingUnicorn / 11th March 2025 16:29pm

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FunJumpingJack / 11th March 2025 17:22pm

I do my homework at the same time each week and it really helps. You should definitely talk to your teacher if you're finding the homework too challenging though!



Did you know?

Childline has message boards. These are online spaces where young people can post anonymously about their experiences, ask questions, and give advice to others.



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VOTETOPIC
7th – 14th March 2025

Would you use a local youth space?

What do you have to say about the topic?

Why are your votes and comments anonymous at VotesforSchools?

3 Staying anonymous



Ah! You were so good at collecting the coins on that level. Onto the next one...
TristarGalaxy789



Thanks. This is my new fave game so I've been spending a lot of time on it!
SaraBinning78



Challenge (1 min)

Does anonymity make it harder to trust people online?



Class activity (6-8 mins)

Let's read some **opinions** based on some of the **ideas** you've just **discussed**. As you **read each one**, decide if you **agree** (cover your face with your hands) or **disagree** (hands in your lap).



4 That's what I said



Usernames and avatars help me to feel safer when I'm gaming, even though I'm just playing with friends.





I think anonymity encourages people to treat each other unkindly online. Maybe there would be less trolling without it?

Trolling:
When someone posts insulting messages on the internet to annoy or hurt someone.

4 That's what I said



Once our information is online, it's out there. I like to keep as many of our details offline as I can.



4 That's what I said



I feel very strongly about my opinions on this topic. I want people to know it's my opinion.



4 That's what I said



I am more comfortable sharing my thoughts and feelings if I'm able to be anonymous.



PASSPORT



Let's think about what might happen if people had to **do more** to **be anonymous online**.

For example, some people think it would be a **good idea** if everyone had a **digital ID** when they went **online**.

ID:

An official document that shows or proves who you are, like a passport.

5 I need to see your ID



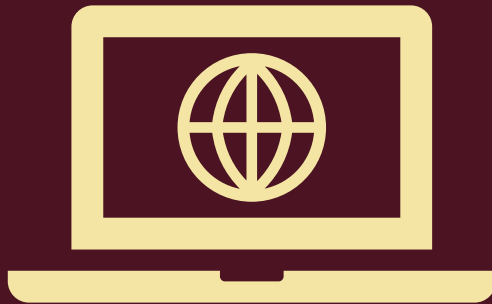
People often have to **use ID** in **real life** to **do certain things**.
For example, people have to **use a passport** to **fly to certain countries**.

This helps to **check their identity** and **keep people safe** while **travelling**.





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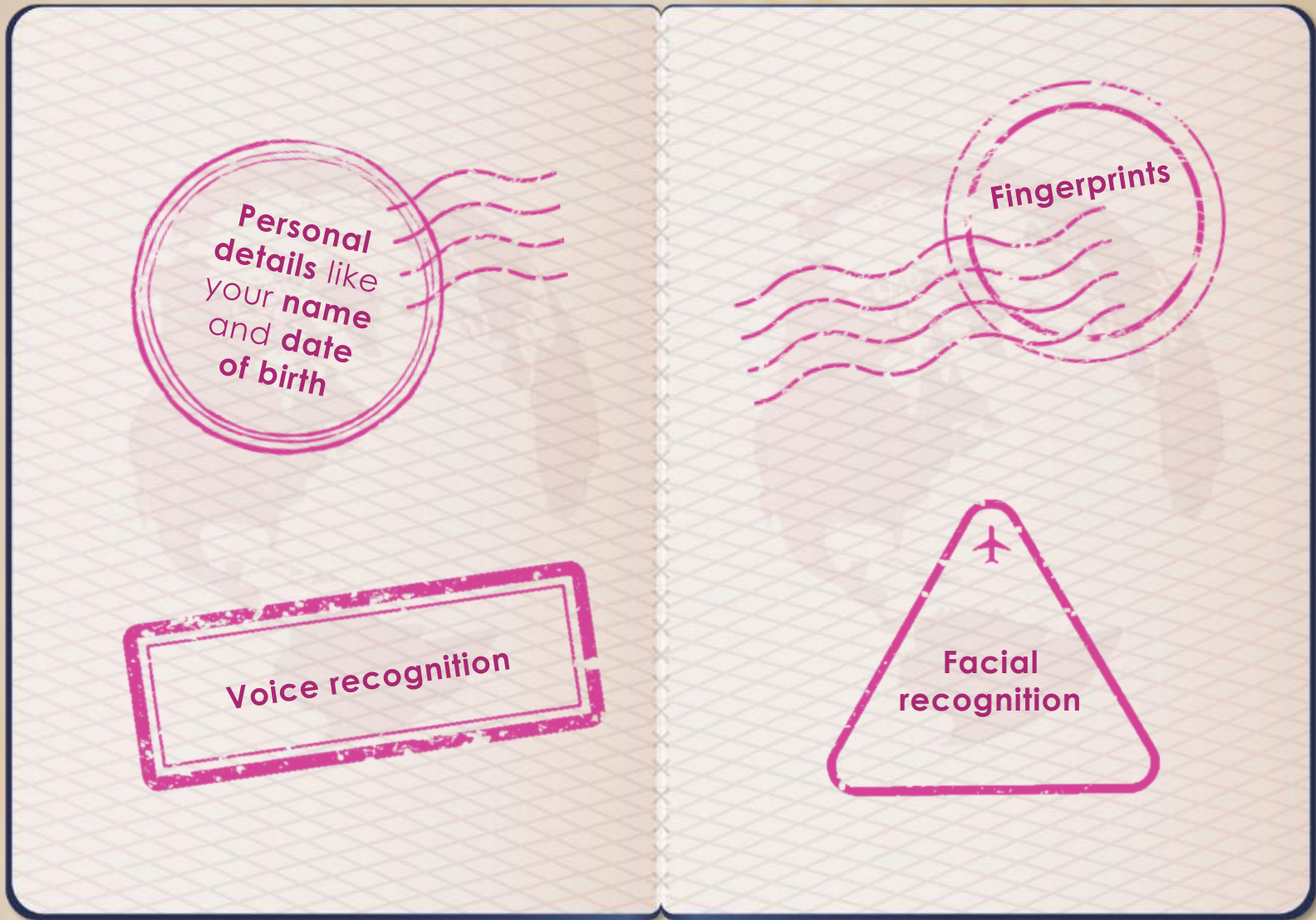
Some people think that having a **digital ID** could **help** to **stop people** using their **anonymity negatively online**.

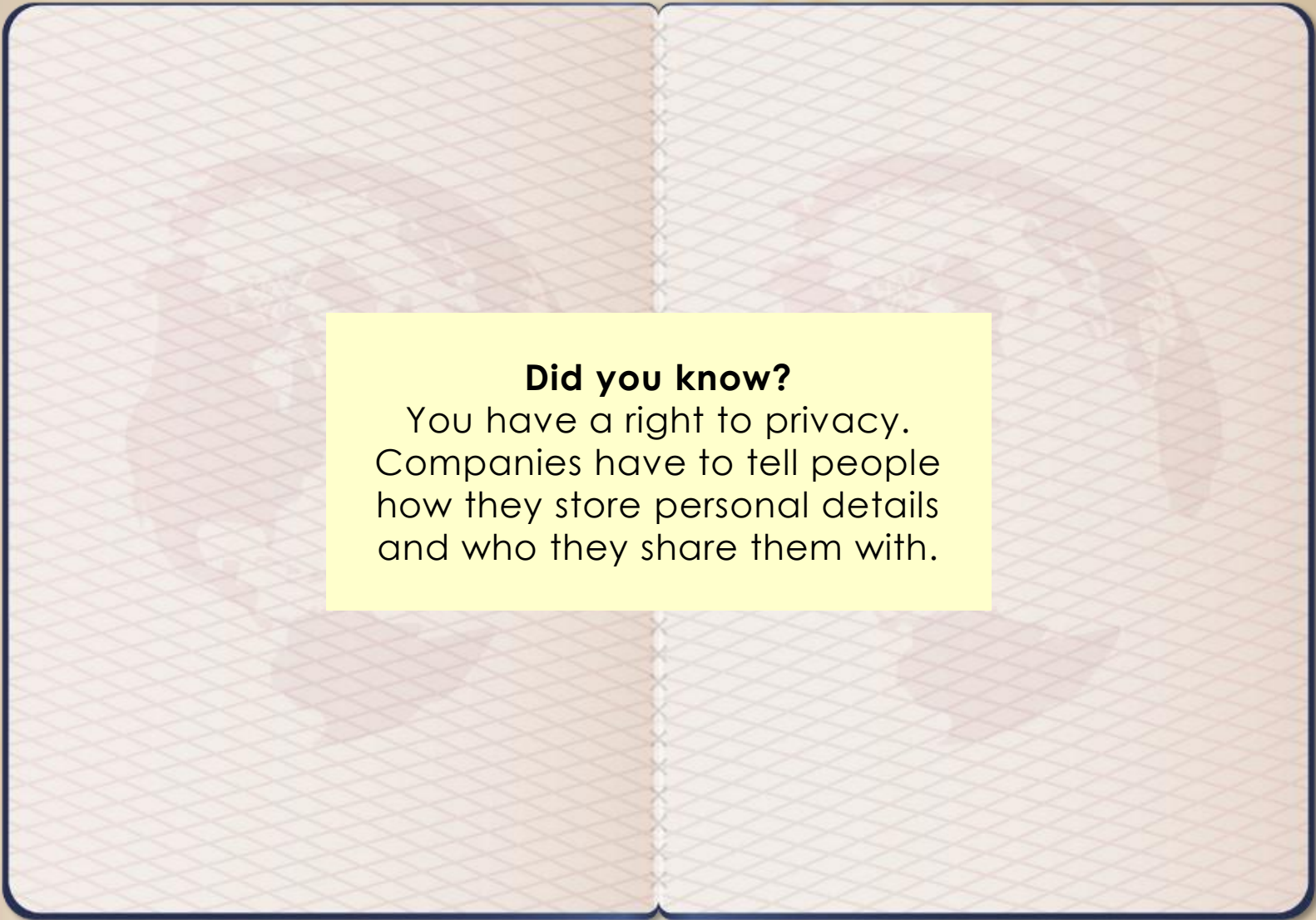
If someone had to **prove who they were** before they **used certain websites** or **made a social media account**, it might make it **easier to find someone** who was **trolling or scamming someone**.

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Did you know?

You have a right to privacy.
Companies have to tell people
how they store personal details
and who they share them with.

5 I need to see your ID



Pair activity (2-3 mins)

Do you think a **digital ID** is a **good idea**? Show your **fingers one to three**.



Now's your chance to vote on: "Should people be allowed to be anonymous online?"

Yes

Usernames and avatars help to keep people safe online.

I am able to share my thoughts and feelings more easily if I'm anonymous online.

Once information is online, it's out there. I like to keep as many details offline as I can.

Online anonymity encourages people to treat each other unkindly online.

If we knew who everyone was online, people would have to take responsibility for their actions.

I like people to hear my opinions on things and know that I'm the person making them.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with WhistleblowersUK, HOPE not hate, Kidscape, Just Like Us and Protection Approaches.

Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.