



PRIVACY

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What is privacy?

**Privacy is...*

2 How would you think if someone read your diary without your permission?

**I think if someone reads...*

3 Where do you like to go when you want to be alone?

**I like to go to...*

4 How do you maintain your privacy at home? At work? When talking on the phone?

**I maintain my privacy at home by...*

Extended questions

1 Do you think the Internet increases privacy or takes away privacy?

**I think internet...*

2 How much do you value your privacy?

**I value my privacy...*

3 Do you always respect the privacy of others?

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5 Should there be more, or less, security cameras around cities?

**I think...*

6 How is privacy viewed in your culture?

**Privacy is viewed in my culture as...*

Vocabulary

- 1 **privacy /'prɪvəsi/**
[noun] the state of being alone and not watched or disturbed by other people/ the state of being free from the attention of the public
Ex. The new law is designed to protect people's privacy.
- 2 **security /si'kjʊərɪti/**
[noun] protection against something bad that might happen
Ex. My bag was emptied and searched when I went through security check.
- 3 **hacker /'hækər/**
[noun] a person who secretly finds a way of looking at and/or changing information on somebody else's computer system without permission
Ex. Do you use any software to protect your computer from hackers?
- 4 **intruder /in'tru:də/**
[noun] someone who is in a place or situation where they are not wanted or a person who enters a building or an area illegally
Ex. I feel like an intruder when I visit their home.
- 5 **confidential /,kɒnfi'denʃl/**
[adj] meant to be kept secret and not told to or shared with other people
Ex. Your medical records are strictly confidential.
- 6 **disclosure /dis'klɒdʒə/**
[noun] the act of making something known or public that was previously secret or private
Ex. Any public disclosure of this information would be very damaging to the company.

Useful Expressions

- 1 **invasion of (someone's) privacy: an intrusion that results in the loss of someone's privacy**
Ex. The athlete complained about the invasion of his privacy by the press.

2 (It's) none of your business! : If something is none of someone's business, they do not need to know about it

Ex. Stop pestering me; it's none of your business!



Idioms

1 stick your nose into sth (informal) – to try to discover things that are not really related to you

Ex. I wish he'd stop sticking his nose into my personal life!

2 spill the beans - If you spill the beans, you reveal a secret or talk about something private.

Ex. Come on! Spill the beans! What did he say?

3 behind closed doors - If something takes place behind closed doors, it is done privately or in secret, with no observers or intruders.

Ex. The matter was discussed behind closed doors.

4 good walls make good neighbours - This expression means that respecting one another's privacy helps create a good relationship between neighbours.

Ex. We try not to disturb the people next door. Good walls make good neighbours!

5 keep a low profile - Stay out of public notice, avoid attracting attention to oneself.

Ex. Until his appointment becomes official, Ted is keeping a low profile.