Hey kids! Buddy speaking!

My friend just told me about a [new online game](https://www.abcya.com/). Do you want to check it out with me? Awesome, let’s go! Wow, this looks so fun. I have to create an account before playing. Hmm, the website is asking me to fill out information about myself.

Do you know what private information is? [Private information](https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship/curriculum?topic=privacy--security&grades=3,4,5) is personal facts about my life. I’ll give you some examples! You should never share any of these without a parent’s permission:

1. your address
2. phone number
3. email address
4. school name
5. birth date
6. first and last name

Do you know why sharing this information could be dangerous? Bad people online can use this information to trick you or put you in uncomfortable situations. That’s why it is so important to never give out private information. You should only give out private information to people you can trust. This includes your parents and teachers.

Remember, if a stranger approached you on the street and asked for private information, you would know to walk away. If a stranger asks you for private information online, you must also tell your parents or teacher right away. Private information must stay protected to keep you safe. Well, I know of another cool [online game](https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-passport) that doesn’t ask for my private information. Let’s do that instead!