

The Internet and the Law – corrected exercises

1. What are laws?

Laws are rules (norms) that everybody must follow. Laws can protect people or impose obligations or prohibitions.

Laws also provide “consequences” for not complying with these obligations and prohibitions.

2. What is the Internet?

The Internet is a network on which electronic devices (cell phones, computers, tablets, consoles, etc.) can exchange or access information, access information platforms, and social media.

3. Do laws apply to the Internet?

Yes

Do you agree with this?

Individual answers

4. A number of online behaviours are prohibited by law. Name the prohibited behaviour described in each of the following situations.

This question could also be asked as a quiz for the whole class. You could split the class into two teams and award points, or simply ask anyone who thinks they know the answer to raise their hand.

- a) Harassment
- b) Threats - Intimidation
- c) Child pornography and the distribution of an intimate image of a person without that person's consent
- d) Copyright infringement
- e) Defamation

5. Have you or has anyone you know ever experienced a situation like any of those described in Question 4? _____

What did you or that person do to try and solve the problem?

Individual answers

6. For each of the following situations, describe what you could do to try and solve the problem. Also explain why you think that would be the best way to deal with the problem.

This question could also be answered in sub-groups. Each team could try to come up with a solution to the hypothetical problems. The most original, realistic and relevant solution (according to the teacher) wins and earns the team a point.

The solutions that the teams come up with could be saved and posted in the classroom to be used as a reference or resource for students who might encounter such a problem.

The first step should always be to **discuss it with an adult** such as a parent or a school staff member that the child trusts. The example given in B is more extreme, as it is the only one that describes a crime (uttering threats). In such a case, the adult may decide to call the authorities.

7. List the rights guaranteed by the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms. These rights protect you and all Quebecers.

- Right to life, personal security and freedom
- Right to privacy
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Right to the protection of personal dignity and reputation
- Right to equality and protection against discrimination
- Right to vote
- ...