



# Lesson 12: Copyright and Plagiarism

## Learning Objectives

- Introduce students to copyright issues.
- Introduce new terms and definitions.
- Emphasize illegal actions a student could take when using information from the Internet.
- Provide students with safe computing steps when searching and using information over the Internet.

## Materials You Will Need

- Worksheet 12: Copyright and Plagiarism
- Cards for the “Flip the Card” game (located in the Appendix). Print and cut them out before class.
- 16 tennis balls labeled with the “Threat and Safe” words (located in the Appendix.) Print on sticker paper to make them easy to stick to the tennis balls.
- Two baskets labeled “Threat” and “Safe.”

## Classroom Activities (Duration: 45 minutes)

Timeline	Teacher Instructions	Student Activities
<b>Introduce Concepts (15 min)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand out the worksheet to students and explain what copyright is. Have them read the cartoon and discuss copyright. (Worksheet, part 1) (7 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain why copyright is important.</li><li>• Explain how to appropriately use information and data.</li></ul></li><li>• Explain what plagiarism and cyber piracy are and have students read the cartoon and discuss plagiarism and cyber piracy. (Worksheet, part 2) (8 min)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emphasize that both activities are illegal and can lead to severe consequences.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read about copyright and read the cartoon. Discuss how to appropriately use information and data from the Internet.</li><li>• Read about plagiarism and cyber piracy and read the cartoon. Discuss the consequences of plagiarism and cyber piracy.</li></ul>
<b>Develop and Practice (20 min)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribute one “Flip the Card” card to each student. Have each student read their card out loud and have the class decide together if the action is legal or illegal. Discuss their answers. (13 min)</li><li>• Distribute the 16 tennis balls among the students. Have each student decide if the item is Safe or a Threat and toss the ball into the appropriate basket. If the student is unsure, have them place the ball between the two baskets and decide as a class where it belongs. Discuss their answers. (12 min)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get a flip card. When it is your turn, read your card out loud and ask the class if it is legal or illegal.</li><li>• Get a labeled ball. When it is your turn, read the label out loud and toss the ball into the appropriate basket. If you are unsure, place the ball between the baskets and ask the class.</li></ul>
<b>Reinforce (10 min)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have the students read the last section of the worksheet, “Using the Internet for Research,” and discuss how to use it safely and appropriately. (Worksheet, part 3) (5 min)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the worksheet and discuss how to use the Internet safely and appropriately.</li></ul>

## Learning Outcomes

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Define new terms presented to them in this class.
- Recognize legal and illegal actions when taking information over the Internet.
- Use sound judgment before accepting free offers over the Internet.
- Use sound judgment before downloading music, images or movies over the Internet.
- Understand the consequences of plagiarism and cyber piracy.
- Recognize safe behavior when browsing and using information over the Internet.



# Worksheet 12: Copyright and Plagiarism

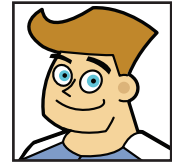
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## 1. What is Copyright?

**Copyright** is the creator's right of ownership to original material, such as an essay, web page, picture or song. It gives the creator the right to take legal action against someone else who steals the material or claims they created it.

Violating a copyright is illegal. Don't use information from the Internet without citing who the author is. Don't download songs, games and movies that are copyrighted.



Officer Ward,  
Detention Center  
Security Officer

I want to use their data for my Web site. But I know I can't use it because of copyright.

Ecosystem Information  
Copyright©2010  
Ecosystem Research, Inc.  
All rights reserved.

Alexi, that's good response. But most Web sites will give you permission to download and copy thier information if you....

Request permission, or give credit to the author and Web site and....

Put quotation marks around the information you had copied and pasted with reference to the Web site and author

"Cyberpiracy is any instance where the Internet is used to copy a digital document without authorization."  
My SecureCyberspace,  
Carnegie Mellon University

## 2. Plagiarism and Cyber Piracy

**Plagiarism** is using someone else's ideas or writing and claiming that it is yours.

**Cyber Piracy** is when you use a computer to copy or share materials that are protected by copyright without the creator's permission.

You can't just copy and paste someone else's work. Plagiarism is illegal.

And downloading songs, movies, images and games for free when they cost money in the store is also illegal.

"But," you might say, "No one will ever find out..."

Not really, young cadets! Thinking that you won't get caught is foolish.

Every File download is recorded and everything you do online can be traced.

These activities could lead to jail, a large fine and trouble with the law!

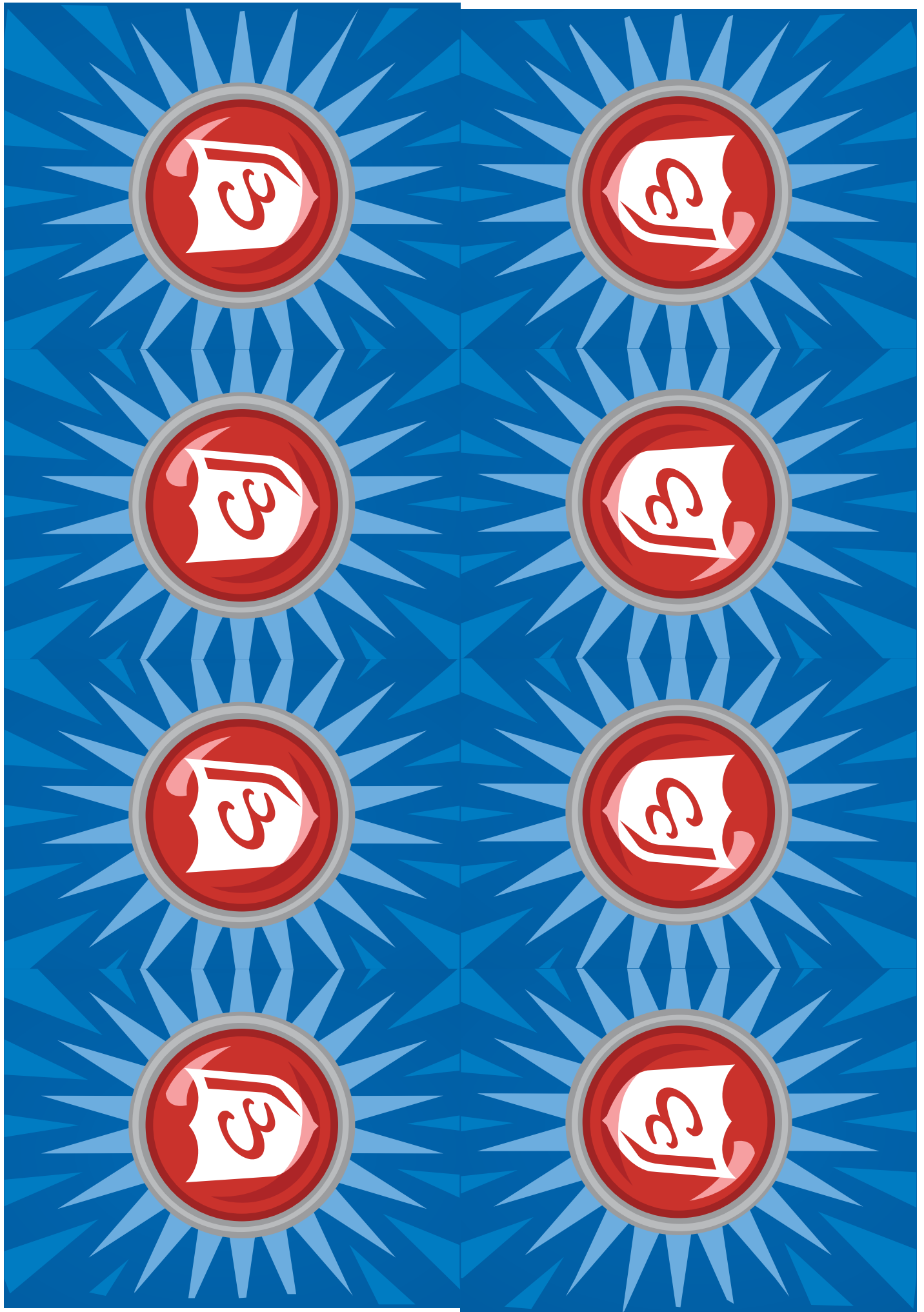
## 3. Using the Internet For Research

Keep the following in mind when you use the Internet for research:

1. Use search engines wisely and effectively.
2. Look for safe and reliable websites.
3. Stay away from the four website dangers.
4. Do not use information and data from the Internet without giving the author credit.

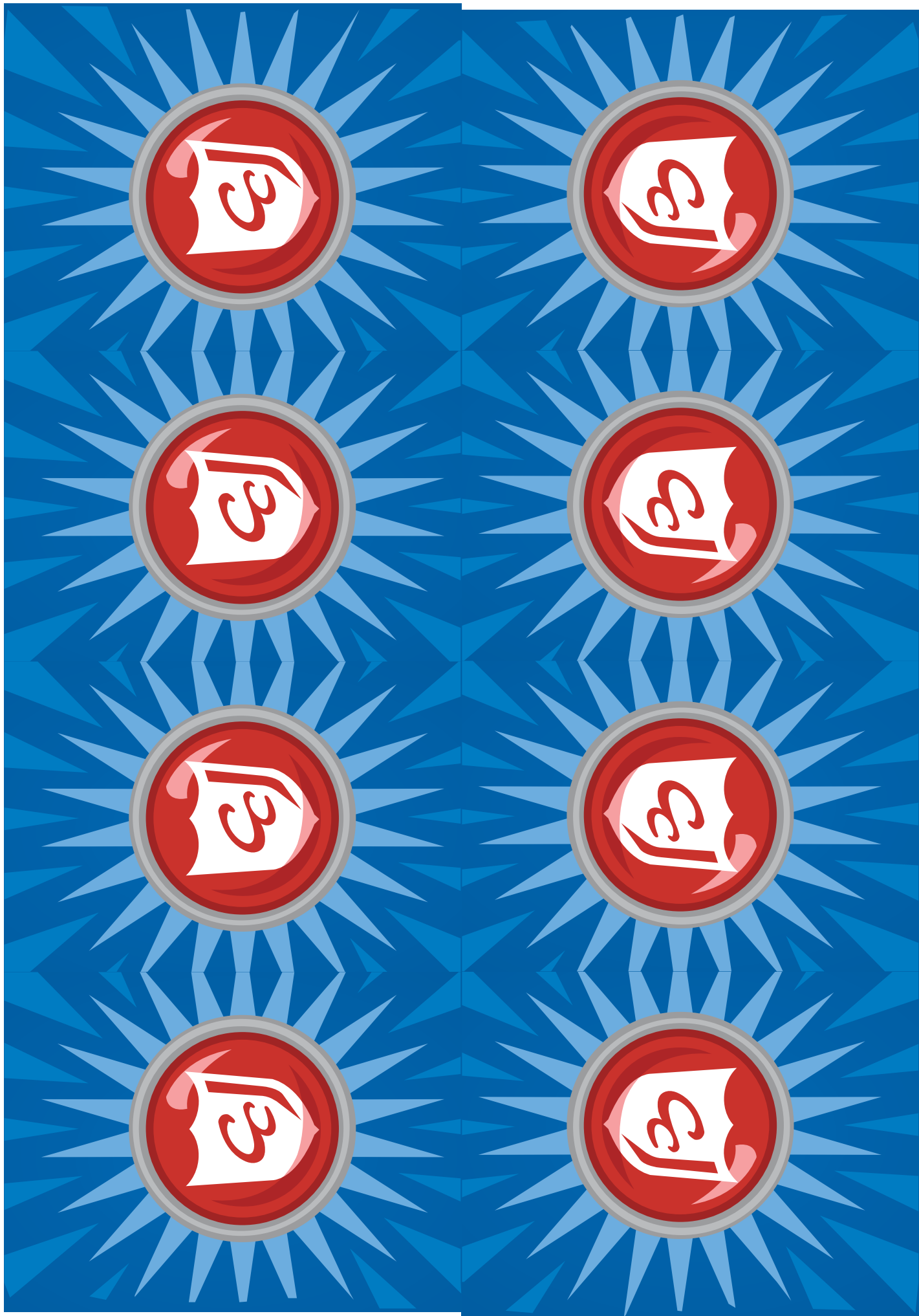


Maya,  
Databank  
Supervisor



<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>1</p> <p>Copying another student's poem from the Internet for your homework</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>2</p> <p>Downloading your favorite song</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>3</p> <p>Copying some text from the Internet for a class project and giving credit to the author</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>4</p> <p>Claiming you are 18 years of age when registering on a Web site</p>
<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>5</p> <p>Downloading movies onto your computer</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>6</p> <p>Making a copy of software that your friend bought</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>7</p> <p>Posting a Hate List online of students you don't like at school</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL or ILLEGAL?</b></p> <p>8</p> <p>Sending 50 text messages a day to a boy or girl you like at school</p>





Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Posting your class  
project online on a  
Social Networking  
Web site

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Trying to hack into  
your Teacher's  
account

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Attempting to  
access other  
students' grades  
online

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Updating the  
classroom Web site

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Joining a Social  
Networking Web  
site using your  
Friend's name and  
personal  
information

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Buying items online  
using your Mom's  
credit card

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

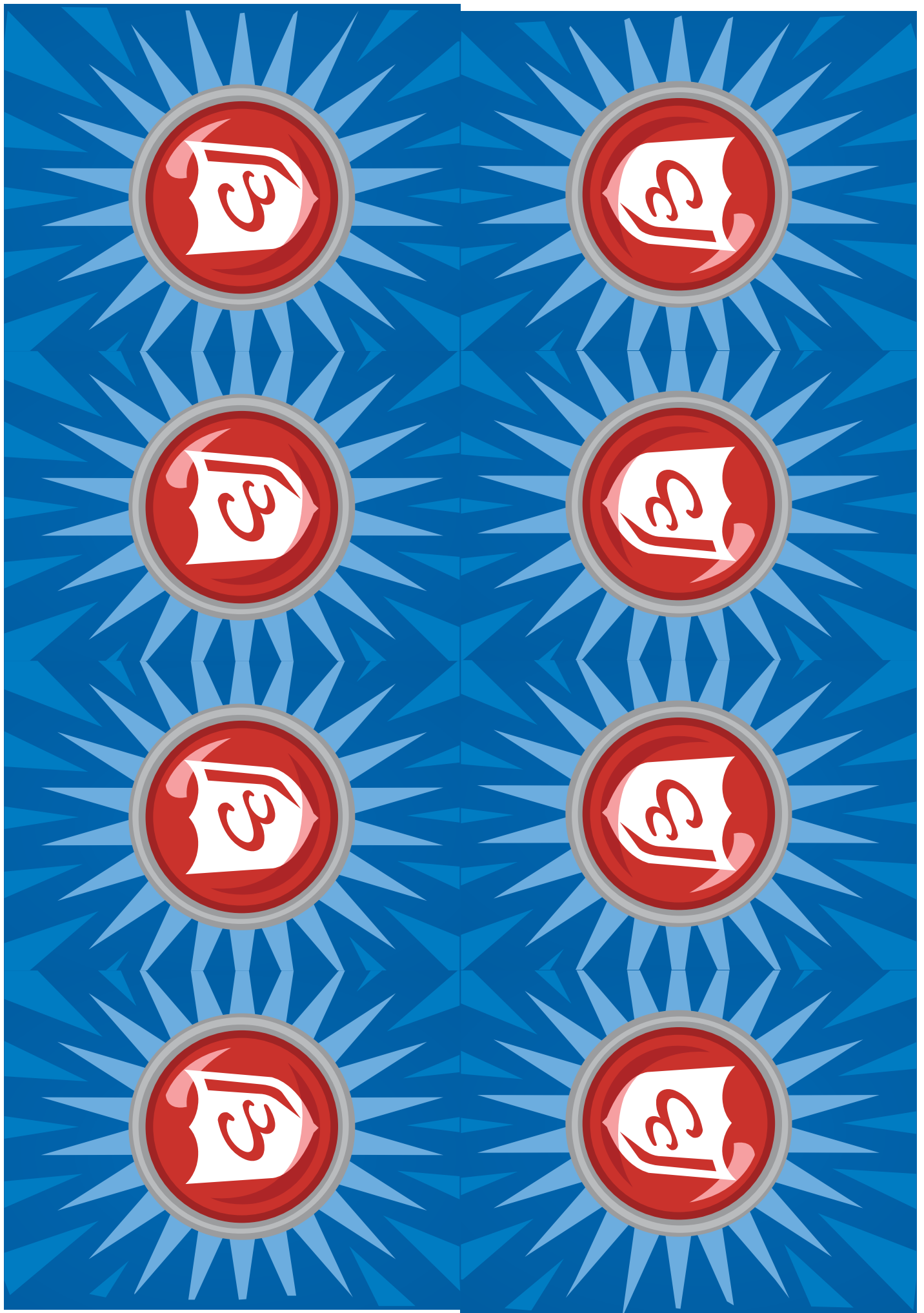
Altering sentences  
on your Friend's  
project and posting  
it online as your  
own

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Posting an image  
online of a girl at  
school with some  
embarrassing  
comments

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Posting your  
personal video  
online

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Downloading a clip  
of a movie for a  
class project

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Sharing your  
password with your  
friends

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Sharing your  
Username or Alias  
with your friends

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Posting your class  
dance video online

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Posting information  
on your school's  
Web site without  
permission

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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Sending an Email  
message to 100  
students about a  
school event

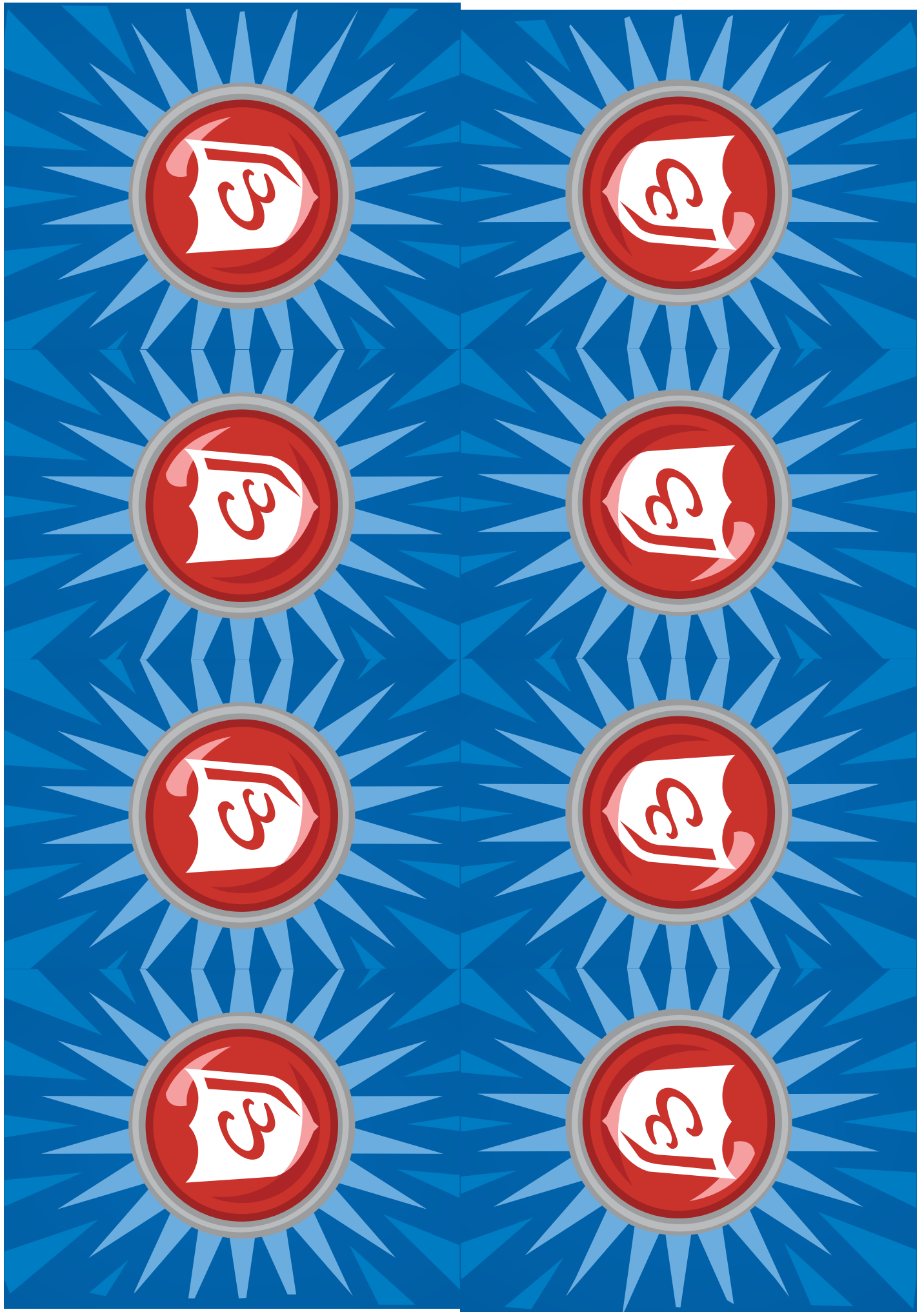
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Is the following action  
**LEGAL** or **ILLEGAL**?

Sending an Email  
message to 100  
students out of  
anger

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<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL</b> or <b>ILLEGAL</b>?</p> <p>25</p> <p>Downloading Free Anti-spyware software</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL</b> or <b>ILLEGAL</b>?</p> <p>26</p> <p>Attaching a picture of you at a party to a text message sent to your friends</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL</b> or <b>ILLEGAL</b>?</p> <p>27</p> <p>Taking pictures of students with your Cell phone to share with others</p>	<p>Is the Following action <b>LEGAL</b> or <b>ILLEGAL</b>?</p> <p>28</p>
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