



1. What is sexting?	
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☐ True ☐ False	
3. Taking, possessing or sharing sexually explicit pictures of someone over the age of 17 is illegal	
☐ True ☐ False	
4. A sexually explicit picture is one which shows: (tick all that apply)	
people kissing	
people engaged in a sex act	
□ a topless guy	
\Box a topless girl	
☐ the genital region	
5. Sharing intimate content to get revenge is illegal in Ireland.	
☐ True ☐ False	
6. What does the word 'consent' mean?	
7. Give some examples of when you might need to give consent	
😮 Sharing someone else's nude selfies without consent is illegal.	
☐ True ☐ False	
9. What does 'non-consensual' sharing mean?	



FYI: Private Pics Online Quiz

The answers

- Sexting is the sharing of sexual text, video, and photographic content using mobile phones, apps, social networking services and other internet technologies.
- True. When minors are involved in sexting, the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 comes into effect, provided the content shared is sexually explicit and meets the definition of child pornography.
- 3. False. The Child Trafficking and Pornography Act was designed to protect children from any form of exploitation and is particularly intended for traditional child abuse images or child pornography. Pornography involving consenting adults is legal, unless the pictures serve as evidence that some other crime has taken place (e.g. extortion).
- 4. Pictures focused on people engaged in a sex act and on the genital region. In short, any photo, video or audio recording that shows a child engaged in sexual activity, or that focuses specifically on the genital region of a child is sexually explicit and considered as child pornography. It is less clear whether content that is provocative (topless pictures) rather than sexually explicit is illegal. The act states that any picture that suggests a child is available for sexual exploitation is illegal. Ultimately only a court could decide if a suggestive topless picture could be considered as explicit and illegal.

- 5. False. Sharing intimate images to get revenge on someone (commonly known as 'revenge porn') is illegal in England and Wales but is not yet illegal in Ireland.
- **6.** 'Consent' is the permission or agreement to allow something to happen.
- 7. Your school will often ask your parents to sign a consent form to allow you to go on a class trip or to be photographed and featured on a school website. You might also have heard the term 'consent' with regard to the age of consent for sexual intercourse. The age of consent is the age at which a person is thought to be mature enough legally to agree to partake in sexual acts.
- **S** True. Sharing someone's nude selfies without consent is illegal. Under data protection law, individuals have the right not to have their personal data, including their image, collected and published without consent. Anyone who publishes private content, received via sexts, online could be seen to be violating data protection laws and could have a civil lawsuit brought against them. If the people involved are under 17 the images could also be considered child pornography. Sharing explicit images of minors could result in prosecution for the distribution of child pornography. Penalties can include jail time and inclusion on the sex offenders register. Repeated sharing of images could be considered as harassment.
- **1.** Non-consensual sharing is the sharing of online content without the permission of the person who owns the content (usually pictures or videos).