Click I agree

DID YOU KNOW?
'I have read the terms and conditions' is sometimes jokingly called the biggest lie on the internet.

Is it OK to just click 'I agree' when you download an app? And what does it mean when you give an app access to your microphone and camera? You're about to find out!

EXERCISE 1

Apps gather data from your smartphone. Some data they need in order to function. Some data they gather in order to sell to advertisers.

Look at the table below. What data do you think these types of apps need in order to work well? Work with a classmate. Discuss why you think certain data is(n't) necessary and fill in the table.

	Weather app	News app	Social media app	Game
1 Your location information				
2 Information about you such as your age and gender				
3 Access to your photos and videos				
4 Access to your camera				
5 Access to your microphone				
6 Access to your address book				
7 Access to your calendar				

Note: consider that these apps may have access to these bits of information at all times, not just when you're using them.

EXERCISE 2

Work in pairs.

1. Scroll through the apps on your phone. Are there any apps that you never use and no longer need? Clean up your phone by removing them. How many apps did you remove?

   Me: _

   My classmate: _

2. Now for part two of your phone clean-up: you are going to look at your apps' permissions.
   For android: go to 'instellingen > apps en meldingen > app-machtigingen'
   For iOS: go to 'instellingen > privacy'
   Look at your settings: which apps have access to for example your microphone and location information? If you think the app doesn't need to have permission in order to work, switch it off, open the app and try if it still works. Compare your settings to your classmate's; how are they different? And why are they different? Help each other out and ask for help if you're stuck on a problem.

3. Discuss the following questions with your classmate:
   - What app did you have on your phone that you had forgotten was there?
   - What app or type of permission surprised you?
   - Was it difficult to change your settings?
   - What settings did you change?

DID YOU KNOW?
Companies are often criticized for having privacy policies that are too long and too complex to read. Do a quick Google search for your favorite app's privacy policy. How long do you think it would take for you to read it?