

12. With the right camera you can take pictures of your own injuries and store them on a computer.
- a. True
 - b. False

Answers¹:

1. True – Almost anything that goes into your computer can carry a virus. Be extremely cautious of opening files downloaded from the Internet, even if they appear to be from a trusted source—most antivirus software will include a feature that lets you scan a file before running it.
2. False – Even if you're sure you trust someone who is asking for important pieces of personal information, someone else could get them. Never email your Social Security number, date of birth, credit card number, passwords, or account number.
3. False – Anything you might say in a conversation makes a poor password because someone might guess it. Look for something that no one knows about you and stick odd numbers in it. If you never told anyone that you think donkeys are cute, then 1donkeyCute could work for you. A combination of random letters and numbers (as well as non-alphanumeric characters, such as ! or #, if the site allows this) is more effective.
4. False – Some tracking software can be bought and easily installed. Others take a bit of effort, but a motivated person can do it. Protect your office computer as well.
5. True – Passwords are like a key to your secrets, so protect them just as fully as you would protect your Social Security number.
6. True – Emails can be faked, so they're not always real "proof," but if you keep the whole email, including all that information at the top, then it can be useful. Just store it some place safe.
7. False – There are lots of predators who deliberately look for women who are getting out of bad relationships. They're con artists who are great at getting your trust and making you feel special. Their pictures are fake and their stories are lies. Think of it as falling in love with someone in prison. If you haven't met friends, family, and co-workers, then you haven't really gotten to know the person.
8. True – The government has made credit reports free from 3 agencies: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. You'll need to put in your Social Security number to decide if you want it. A free credit report can be ordered online (via annualcreditreport.com), by phone (by calling 1-877-322-8228), or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available on the FTC's website) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.
9. True and False – Flash drives are small enough to hide easily but they're also small enough to lose easily. Flash drives will store almost anything you can put on your computer but any paper documents you have (like birth certificates) can only be stored if you can turn them

¹ <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/>; <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>

- into computer documents. Many libraries will have scanning equipment you can use; if not, they may be able to direct you to a store, such as Kinko's, which has such equipment. Note that scanned copies are not official copies.
10. False – Some cell phones in some networks can be tracked even when they're turned off.
 11. True – Most computers will let you “empty the cache” or “delete the history” or “reset the browser.” It's not hard to learn how to do those things but you've got to remember two important things. First, do it every single time. Second, be sure you're doing it right. Many public libraries have someone who can teach you how to do it. Even then, unless a more thorough wipe is done, a computer expert may be able to use computer forensics to recover this information, however, so in some circumstance it may be best to use the library's computers.
 12. True – Even a small digital camera can take pictures that can then be stored on a computer or UBS flash drive. Be very cautious about saving such files to a shared computer, however—a USB flash drive (password-protected, if possible) would be a safer option.