# Activity sheet 3.36: Who sees your digital footprint?

*Learning outcome C: The wider implications of digital systems*

*C2: Legal and ethical*

1. State, in your own words, what a cookie is.

1. In your own words, describe the difference between a first-party and a third-party cookie.

You visit a shopping website to view a product you wish to purchase. You then visit several other websites. Each of these other websites displays an advert for the shopping website and product that you first visited.

1. Explain how third-party cookies make this possible.

1. How will disabling third-party cookies affect the adverts that you see on webpages that   
   you visit?

Keep a log of the internet sites that you visit during a single day.

1. Discuss how you would feel if each of these sites could see all your browsing history.

**Take it further**

Are cookies spyware? Explain your answer.