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Decoding Commercial Terms of Use (ToS), Age Limits, and Intellectual Property

Identifier	OER 5.2.1
Title	Decoding Commercial Terms of Use (ToS), Age Limits, and Intellectual Property
Creator	Rhodes Evening High School - Greece
Description	The resource teaches how to read critically the Terms of Service of the digital tools used at school, focusing on three nodes: minimum age and consent, advertising and profiling, and intellectual property of uploaded content. It explains the prohibitions that matter when the recipient is a minor. The practical focus is a reading grid that teachers can use both with students and in institutional choices.
Keywords	terms of service; age limits; minors' consent; advertising; profiling; intellectual property; digital contracts; critical reading
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Contributor	STIAEM Transnational Scientific Board (peer review, Rhodes validation protocol)
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	between computer ethics and business ethics. In This changes everything - ICT and climate change (pp. 265-280). Springer.
Educational Level	Secondary School
Associated Module / MOOC Video Lesson	Module 5 - Safety, Privacy and Sustainability / Video 5.2 - Terms of Use (ToS) & Account Protection
Learning Objectives	Identify in the ToS the clauses concerning minimum age, minors' consent and the protection of platforms accessible to minors; recognise the advertising and profiling practices prohibited when the recipient is a minor; evaluate the clauses on the intellectual property of uploaded content, with consequences for teaching materials.
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