

## Would you be a spy?

What is Spying?

### Purpose

To introduce students to the topic of spying.

### Age range (years)



### Background

The subject of spying often brings to mind fictionalised stories of cunning, bravado and glamour. But spying isn't restricted to the pages of Ian Fleming novels or Hollywood blockbusters. Spying is something we may all find ourselves involved in at some point in our lives (either by spying ourselves or being spied upon). These questions will help make the topic of spying more 'real' to students.

### Questions

- Have you ever spied upon anyone? Why?
- Who would you *like* to spy on? Why?
- What would you like to find out about that person?
- How might you go about doing this? What techniques could you use?
- How would you feel about spying on someone?
- How would you feel if you found out someone was spying on you?
- Can you think of people or organisations that might engage in spying? (Possible groups include: government agencies, gangs and crime syndicates, activist or terrorist groups, rival commercial organisations, paparazzi, employers, parents, retailers, web-site owners and even teachers).

