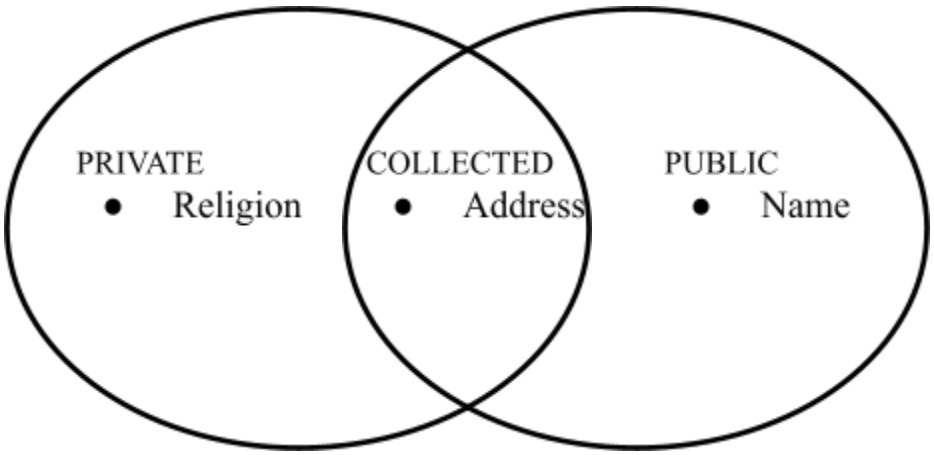
Activity — Understanding Privacy

You will create a **Venn diagram** to categorize different types of personal information. Draw two overlapping circles in your notebook or on a piece of paper. Label one **PRIVATE** and the other **PUBLIC**.

1. Think about different types of personal information—what details about yourself do you consider private? What information is public? Write these in the correct sections of the diagram.
2. In the **overlapping** section, write down information that is often collected when you fill out a form (e.g., signing up for a website, entering a competition, or registering for an event).



Reflection:
Look at the information in your Venn diagram. Now, go through the list and:

✅ Put a **tick mark** next to information you'd feel comfortable sharing with a stranger or organization.
❓ Place a **question mark** beside information you'd prefer to keep private.

Think about your choices: Why do you feel this way about certain types of information? What makes some details more private than others?

Personal information items could include:

- Name
- Address
- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Occupation
- Employer
- Income
- Credit card number
  Education
- Religion
- Political party
- Driver's license number
- Years of employment
- Disabilities and diseases
- Biometric data
- Purchase behavior
- Conflict with the law or involvement with the police
- Parents' names
- Marital status
- Previous employers
- Location history

Source: Office of the Information Commissioner