When we provide services, we want to make them easy, useful and reliable. Where services are delivered on the internet, this sometimes involves placing small amounts of information on your computer, mobile phone or tablet. These are known as cookies. They cannot be used to identify you personally.

What do cookies look like?

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What cookies are used for

Cookies:

- enable a service to recognise your computer so you don't have to give the same information several times during one task
- recognise that you may already have given a username and password so you don't need to do it for every web page requested
- measure how many people are using services, so popular services can be made easier and faster
- analyse anonymous data to help us understand how people interact with our services, so we can make them better

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