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## Policies & Principles

# Types of cookies used by Google

We use different types of cookie to run Google websites. Some or all of the cookies identified below may be stored in your browser. You can view and manage cookies in your browser (though browsers for mobile devices may not offer this visibility).

**Category of use** **Example**

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| Security | We use security cookies to authenticate users, prevent fraudulent use of login credentials, and protect user data from unauthorized parties.<br><br>For example, we use cookies called 'SID' and 'HSID' which contain digitally signed and encrypted records of a user's Google account ID and most recent sign-in time. The combination of these two cookies allows us to block many types of attack, such as attempts to steal the content of forms that you complete on web pages. |