ESL Brains
Excited to go passwordless?

1. **Read the text and choose one of the words to complete the gaps.**

   Nowadays, online security means much more than just using passwords. An important improvement involves using two-step **(A)** _____ , where a user **is required to** enter a code sent to their **(B)** _____ device. By doing this, the user confirms they are performing the specific activity, protecting themselves against the **(C)** _____ of fraud.

   When choosing two-step verification, think about biometrics for **(D)** _____ certain important actions. Using biometrics, which means confirming your identity with **(E)** _____ traits like fingerprints or face, is one of the most secure **(F)** _____ available so far.

   There are additional strategies for online protection. Be aware of the importance of not sharing **(G)** _____ information with strangers. For example, you **are** only **supposed to** share details like bank card numbers when you know for **(H)** _____ who you are talking to.

A. 1. automation	2. verification	3. verifying
B. 1. one	2. digital	3. trusted
C. 1. activity	2. treat	3. threat
D. 1. approving	2. allowing	3. making
E. 1. original	2. body	3. unique
F. 1. activities	2. measures	3. means
G. 1. sensitive	2. secretive	3. sensible
H. 1. example	2. granted	3. sure

2. **Choose the correct word to complete each definition. Look at the text in ex. 1 for more context if necessary.**

   A. *be **required/supposed** to* means you have to do something; it's a strong obligation, a rule.

   B. *be **required/supposed** to* means you should do something; it's a weak obligation, an expectation.

3. Create five sentences using the phrases in the boxes and completing them with your ideas.

EXAMPLE: *Online service providers are required to take security measures to protect their users' data.*

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Laptop users Team members Parents Online service providers Government employees	are supposed to are required to	report security incidents use antivirus software take security measures use complex passwords teach children about technology	to… because…

4. **Look at the activities and say what safety measures might be taken in each case.**

    - unlock your phone

    - make an online payment

    - visit a website for the first time

    - register in a banking app

    - log in to your email account from someone else's computer

5. **Look at the passwords and discuss why people might choose them.**

shadowmeow	qwerty12345
april151994	HTHByrkgo46yRdrOadRGr5td75
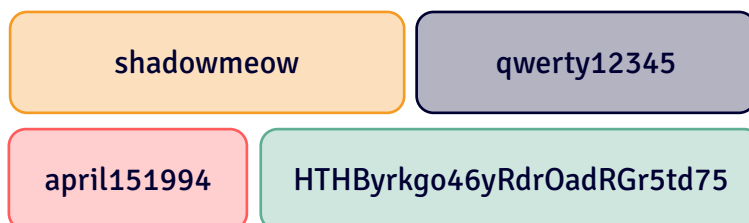
6. **Discuss the questions below.**

    - Do you experience difficulty remembering complex passwords? Have you tried using a password manager?

    - Do you use any other verification methods apart from passwords?

    - Are your passwords unique or do you tend to reuse them for certain accounts?

    - Are you aware of the potential threats of using easy passwords? What might they be?

    - Do you save passwords on your trusted devices?

7. **Read the tips and rewrite them using the correct form of the phrases 'be supposed to' and 'be required to'.**

    EXAMPLE: You shouldn't use short passwords. Some websites demand you use a specific number of characters in your password.

    *You **aren't supposed to** use short passwords. On some websites, you **are required to** use a specific number of characters in your password.*

    A. It's better to include a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. !, @, #, $, %).

B. You shouldn't use personal information, such as names of family members, or other details that can be found on social media.

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C. You must change your passwords every few months for some critical accounts.

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D. Banking apps that make you use two-step verification are the safest choice.

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E. It's a good idea to regularly check your accounts for any suspicious activity and change your password if you notice anything unusual.

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F. Even if a website offers it, remember that you don't have to save your password.

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8. **Watch the first part of a video [https://youtu.be/vC26eYbuRfg] (to 01:22) and choose what its purpose is.**

    A. To tell people that they are supposed to be more careful when creating their passwords.

    B. To introduce a new way of logging into your accounts.

    C. To explore the disadvantages of biometrics.

9. **Watch the second part of the video (from 01:23) and complete the sentences about how passkey works.**

    A. Your online accounts will be connected to **any of your devices/your phone**.

    B. You will have a unique code which you won't need to **know/verify**.

    C. It's not necessary to enter passwords: to approve the log-in, you only need to **unlock/restart** your phone.

    D. It's very secure because it's impossible to **guess/change** your passkey.

    E. When you want to log in on a different device, for example your computer, you just need to use your phone. When asked, unlock it using **a secret code/biometrics**.

    F. Next time, you won't even need to **unlock your laptop/have your phone with you**, because your computer becomes a trusted device.

10. Read the comments and choose the one that you would write under the video. Alternatively, you can write your own. Explain your choice.

- I keep my passwords stored in a notes app on my phone. So I am pretty much dependent on it for passwords. Passkeys only make it easier!

- I can think of so many problems with passkeys: you can physically lose your phone, or break it, or have it stolen, or run out of power, or have no Wi-Fi connection or signal.

- My comment:...

11. Discuss the technologies that reduce the need to memorize information in the boxes using some of the prompts below.

> automatic bill payments
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> smart calendars
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> contacts lists in smartphones
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> GPS navigation

- In my opinion, ... is/are helpful because I know for sure...

- One of the drawbacks of using... is the threat of...

- Thanks to... I'm not required to...

- Before... I was supposed to...

- I don't trust... completely and often verify...

- Many people are worried about their sensitive information when using...

- I think... affect(s) our memory the most, because...

- I still take measures to remember...

- To reduce the need to memorize information even more, I'd like someone to invent...