

## Excited to go passwordless?

### T PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES

#### 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) **verification**, where a user **is required to** enter a code sent to their (B) **trusted** device. By doing this, the user confirms they are performing the specific activity, protecting themselves against the (C) **threat** of fraud.

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

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

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

#### 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.

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### 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.*

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...

### T IN-CLASS ACTIVITIES

#### 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?

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### 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.*

#### Possible answers:

- A. It's better to include a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. !, @, #, \$, %). **You're supposed 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. **You aren't supposed to** use personal information, such as names of family members, or other details that can be found on social media.
- C. You must change your passwords every few months for some critical accounts. **You are required to** change your passwords every few months for some critical accounts.
- D. Banking apps that make you use two-step verification are the safest choice. **Banking apps in which you are required to** use two-step verification are the safest choice.
- E. It's a good idea to regularly check your accounts for any suspicious activity and change your password if you notice anything unusual. **You are supposed to** regularly check your accounts for any suspicious activity and change your password if you notice anything unusual.
- F. Even if a website offers it, remember that you don't have to save your password. **Even if a website offers it, remember that you aren't required to** save your password.

**T** You can ask students to add more tips if possible. You can also ask them which of these tips they follow if they haven't shared that already.

### 8. Watch the first part of a [video](https://youtu.be/vC26eYbuRfg) [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**. [01:26]

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- B. You will have a unique code which you won't need to **know/verify**. [01:30]
- C. It's not necessary to enter passwords: to approve the log-in, you only need to **unlock/restart** your phone. [01:41]
- D. It's very secure because it's impossible to **guess/change** your passkey. [01:53]
- 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**. [02:16]
- F. Next time, you won't even need to **unlock your laptop/have your phone with you**, because your computer becomes a trusted device. [02:27]

### 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

smart calendars

contacts lists  
in smartphones

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...

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- 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...

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**This worksheet includes an additional task that you can use as homework or revision.** It's only available in the teacher's version of the worksheet. The task with the answer key is below, while the students' version is on the last page. Print it, cut it up and hand it out to your students.

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Before students create their own sentences, ask them if they think the rules below (A–F) are OK and whether they would agree to work for a company with such rules.

- A. To avoid the **threat** of burnout, you are required to take time off every three months.
- B. You are supposed to access work accounts from **trusted** devices.
- C. When working with **sensitive** information, you are required to do it from the office.
- D. If you want to schedule a meeting with other teammates, you are required to ask your manager to **approve** it first.
- E. If there is an issue, you are supposed to take **measures** to solve it before turning to your manager.
- F. You are required to use your **unique** code to access the supply room or to print documents. You are not supposed to take supplies home.

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