**Warm up**

**WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HACKING?**

* What do you associate the title with?
* Do you use any technological device? Why? Why not?
* How secure is your personal information on the Net?

**Reading**

Hacking has become a common topic all over the world. News on different criminal cyber events has caught people’s attention.

A group of Russian **hackers** has stolen user names, password combinations and millions of email addresses. A security firm in Milwaukee discovered significant hacks including millions of records from Adobe System. The firm hasn’t revealed the names of the victims which remain vulnerable because it signed a confidentiality agreement. In December, hackers in Europe stole 40 million credit card numbers and 70 million addresses, phone numbers and additional pieces of personal information. So far, the criminals have not sold many of the records online. They used the stolen information to send spam on social networks like Twitter. While credit cards can be easily canceled, **personal credentials** like an email address, Social Security or **password** can be used for identity theft. **The New York Times AUG. 5, 2014**

German authorities have arrested a well-known cyber-criminal but the police haven’t revealed his real name yet. He stole millions of dollars from 24 bank accounts around the world in one night. By using manipulated credit cards, this Turkish citizen took U$$ 40 million. The authorities hadn’t found him until August this year when the US police gave information about the criminal’s location. He had been in a hotel when he received an e-mail that the authorities detected thanks to the **Wi-Fi** service. La Gaceta, **August 18, 2014**

One important case of hacking is the one that involves iPhones. Apple has developed the application “Find my iPhone” for its users to locate their smart phones if it has been lost or stolen. This application allows the user to lock the phone until it is recovered. Hackers haven’t used this application to find a phone but to “kidnap” them. They’ve hacked the accounts in icloud to lock the phones and they sent a message to the users requesting for money in order to unlock it. If they don’t pay the rescue, they cannot use their phones again. Apple´s official **website** has confirmed the news and advised their clients to update their personal account. Recently, engineers have discovered a security failure in the system where the application can be **downloaded**. ***RedUSERS May 27, 2014***

Recently, in Argentina many famous people have become involved in a scandal. Camus Hacker has published some of their private photographs in **Twitter** and has blackmailed them into publishing more. Noelia Marzol and Annalisa Santi have presented relevant proofs against this virtual criminal. He has manipulated the celebrities’ personal computers and cell phones. He has become the first and most famous hacker in Argentina. The investigation has not finished yet but if the evidence shows that he is guilty and will go to jail. **Clarin.com 29/01/14**



1. **Read the text:**

* What is the text about?
* Cyber-crime
* A new video game
* A new social networking
* Choose a suitable title for each of the paragraphs. There is one extra you don’t need.

1. Famous at site!
2. Taking lives
3. .
4. Fast criminals
5. Smart does not always mean intelligent
6. **Answer the following questions**
7. Which information has the Russian hackers taken?

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1. What has happened to Adobe system?

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1. How has the Turkish band operated?

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1. How did the police get the Turkish criminal?

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1. How did hackers kidnap people’s iPhones?

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1. What has Apple recommended phone users do?

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1. Who is Camus?

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1. How did he get the photos?

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**Vocabulary**

1. **Find in the text a word that refers to**
2. A person who uses computers in an illegal way...........................................
3. A secret series of characters that help a user to access a file, computer or programme...............................
4. A type of wireless networking in which devices do not use cables…………….
5. A type of software that helps the user to perform specific tasks..........................
6. A place on the Internet where you can find information about a particular subject, organization, etc……………..
7. To move information to your computer from the Internet…………………