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Passwords to be replaced by Web Authentication (1st April, 2019)

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## The Reading / Listening - Web Authentication - Level 6

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Try the same news story at these easier levels:

[Web Authentication - Level 4](#) or [Web Authentication - Level 5](#)

#### Sources

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## News

*"Much has been said and written on the utility of newspapers; but one principal advantage which might be derived from these publications has been neglected; we mean that of reading them in schools."*

The Portland Eastern Herald (June 8, 1795)

*"News is history in its first and best form, its vivid and fascinating form, and...history is the pale and tranquil reflection of it."*

Mark Twain, in his autobiography (1906)

*"Current events provide authentic learning experiences for students at all grade levels.... In studying current events, students are required to use a range of cognitive, affective, critical thinking and research skills."*

Haas, M. and Laughlin, M. (2000) Teaching Current Events: It's Status in Social Studies Today.

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## Warm-ups

**1. PASSWORDS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about passwords. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

logging in / username / password / secure / standard / Internet / browser / fingerprint

common knowledge / data / breaches / time / resources / vulnerable / biometrics

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FINGERPRINTS:** Students A **strongly** believe fingerprints are more secure than passwords; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. BIOMETRICS:** What will we be able to do with these biometrics in the future? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|              | What We Could Do | Security Risks |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Eyes         |                  |                |
| Fingerprints |                  |                |
| DNA          |                  |                |
| Body smell   |                  |                |
| Voice        |                  |                |
| Face         |                  |                |

## MY e-BOOK



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**5. LOGIN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "login". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. DEVICES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best devices at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- electronic dictionary
- 3D printer
- scanner
- smart glasses
- USB drive
- digital camera
- smart watch
- MP3 player

## Vocabulary

### Paragraph 1

- |                |                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. credentials | a. A group of people with a common purpose or function acting as an organization.                                                            |
| 2. infinitely  | b. Relating to or about the face.                                                                                                            |
| 3. standard    | c. The details you need (such as usernames and passwords) needed to log in online.                                                           |
| 4. body        | d. A required or agreed level of quality or attainment.                                                                                      |
| 5. platform    | e. To a very great degree; without limit.                                                                                                    |
| 6. biometrics  | f. A standard for the hardware of a computer system, determining what kinds of software it can run.                                          |
| 7. facial      | g. The use of the face and body to be used for security purposes (e.g. logging on to websites, gaining access to areas of a building, etc.). |

### Paragraph 2

- |                |                                                                                                                |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. numbered    | h. Something known by most people.                                                                             |
| 9. common      | i. The ability to produce a desired or intended result.                                                        |
| 10. efficacy   | j. Open to physical or emotional attack or harm.                                                               |
| 11. breach     | k. Not surviving or remaining in a position of power or advantage for much longer.                             |
| 12. drain      | l. A thing made or adapted for a particular purpose, especially a piece of mechanical or electronic equipment. |
| 13. vulnerable | m. Cause money, energy, or another valuable resource to be lost, wasted, or used up.                           |
| 14. device     | n. A gap in a wall, barrier, or defense.                                                                       |

## Before reading / listening

### 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if 1-8 below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article said passwords are on their way in. **T / F**
2. Login credentials might soon be replaced by Web Authentication. **T / F**
3. The World Wide Web Consortium said Web Authentication is dangerous. **T / F**
4. The article said fingerprints are not part of Web Authentication. **T / F**
5. The WWW Consortium suggested the use of passwords is nearing an end. **T / F**
6. The WWW Consortium suggested passwords are a waste of resources. **T / F**
7. Web Authentication increases the risk of having passwords stolen. **T / F**
8. Web Authentication makes use of biometrics. **T / F**

### 2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

1. **worry**

- 2. **credentials**
- 3. **standard**
- 4. **universally**
- 5. **accounts for**
- 6. **numbered**
- 7. **efficacy**
- 8. **drain**
- 9. **vulnerable**
- 10. **achieved**

- a. makes up
- b. attained
- c. all over
- d. limited
- e. fret
- f. burden
- g. weak
- h. ID
- i. benefit
- j. guideline

### 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. usernames and passwords are on
- 2. the security of our login
- 3. replaced by an infinitely more
- 4. universally used
- 5. such as fingerprints
- 6. The WWWC spoke about the days of
- 7. passwords have outlived
- 8. they are a drain of
- 9. users are at
- 10. authentication is achieved via physical

- a. secure login system
- b. devices or biometrics
- c. by web browsers
- d. passwords being numbered
- e. their efficacy
- f. their way out
- g. less risk
- h. credentials
- i. and facial recognition

j. time and resources

## Gap fill

Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

*security  
universally  
official  
security  
usernames  
digital  
system  
processes*

It looks like login (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and passwords are on their way out. No longer will we have to worry about the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of our login credentials. They are set to be replaced by an infinitely more secure login (3) \_\_\_\_\_ known as Web Authentication. Web Authentication has become an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ standard for logging in at the main Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It is a system that will be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ used by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication (6) \_\_\_\_\_. It will allow website users to log in securely to their online accounts using a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ device, biometrics (such as fingerprints and facial recognition) or USB (8) \_\_\_\_\_ keys.

Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

*vulnerable  
common  
breaches  
biometrics  
days  
risk  
adopt  
stolen*

The WWWC spoke about the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of passwords being numbered. A spokesperson said: "It's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge that passwords have outlived their efficacy. Not only are (11) \_\_\_\_\_, weak or default passwords behind 81 per cent of data (12) \_\_\_\_\_, they are a drain of time and resources." It added: "Now is the time for web services and businesses to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ Web Authentication to move beyond (14) \_\_\_\_\_ passwords and help web users improve the security of their online experiences," Web Authentication means users are at less (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of having their passwords and credentials stolen. This is because login authentication is achieved via physical devices or (16) \_\_\_\_\_ from our body.

## Listening — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

- 1) It looks like login usernames and passwords are on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their way out
  - b. there way in
  - c. their ways out
  - d. their ways in
- 2) No longer will we have to worry about the security of our \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. login credentials
  - b. login green dentures
  - c. login creed entrails
  - d. log incredible shawls
- 3) used by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. authenticity ration processes

- b. authentic nation processes
  - c. authentic ration processes
  - d. authentication processes
- 4) allow website users to log in securely to their online accounts \_\_\_\_\_ device
- a. using a digitally
  - b. using a digit all
  - c. using a digit tall
  - d. using a digital
- 5) biometrics (such as fingerprints and facial recognition) or USB \_\_\_\_\_
- a. security keys
  - b. security quays
  - c. security quiz
  - d. security keeps
- 6) The WWWC spoke about the days of passwords \_\_\_\_\_
- a. being numbed
  - b. being numb barred
  - c. being numb bed
  - d. being numbered
- 7) It's common knowledge that passwords have outlived \_\_\_\_\_
- a. there ethics cases
  - b. their ethics racy
  - c. there efficacy
  - d. their efficacy
- 8) adopt Web Authentication to move beyond \_\_\_\_\_
- a. vulnerability passwords
  - b. venerable passwords
  - c. vulnerable passwords
  - d. Vulcan able passwords
- 9) users are at less risk of having their passwords and \_\_\_\_\_
- a. credential stolen
  - b. credentials stolen
  - c. credential stole in
  - d. credentials stole on
- 10) This is because login authentication is achieved via physical devices \_\_\_\_\_
- a. of biometrics
  - b. or biometrics
  - c. on biometrics
  - d. ore biometrics

### Listening — Listen and fill in the gaps

It looks like login usernames and passwords are on (1) \_\_\_\_\_. No longer will we have to worry about the security of (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They are set to be replaced by an infinitely more secure login system known as Web Authentication. Web Authentication has become (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for logging in at the main Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It is a system that will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication processes. It will allow website users to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to their online accounts using a digital device, biometrics (such as fingerprints and facial recognition) or (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The WWWC spoke about the days of (7) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesperson said: "It's common knowledge that passwords have outlived their efficacy. Not only are stolen, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ passwords behind 81 per cent (9) \_\_\_\_\_, they are a drain of time and resources." It added: "Now is the time for web services and businesses to adopt Web Authentication to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ passwords and help web users improve the security of their online experiences," Web Authentication means users are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of having their

passwords and credentials stolen. This is because login authentication is achieved via physical (12) from our body.

## Comprehension questions

1. What did the article say are on the way out?
2. What did the article say we won't have to worry about the security of?
3. What will Web Authentication be used by?
4. What two examples of biometrics did the article mention?
5. What kind of keys did the article say we might use?
6. What did the WWWC say about the days of passwords?
7. How many data breaches are because of stolen, weak or default passwords?
8. Who did the article say should adopt Web Authentication?
9. What might Web Authentication improve the security of?
10. What did the article say Web Authentication is achieved via?

## Multiple choice quiz

- 1) What did the article say are on the way out?
  - a) modems
  - b) browsers
  - c) websites
  - d) passwords
- 2) What did the article say we won't have to worry about the security of?
  - a) our bank accounts
  - b) our login credentials
  - c) our home
  - d) bluetooth
- 3) What will Web Authentication be used by?
  - a) networks
  - b) search engines
  - c) social media sites
  - d) web browsers and platforms
- 4) What two examples of biometrics did the article mention?
  - a) our retina and fingerprints
  - b) DNA and fingerprints
  - c) fingerprints and facial recognition
  - d) facial recognition and DNA
- 5) What kind of keys did the article say we might use?
  - a) encrypted keys
  - b) Internet keys
  - c) digital keys
  - d) USB security keys
- 6) What did the WWWC say about the days of passwords?
  - a) there are many of them
  - b) they are difficult
  - c) they are numbered
  - d) they are long
- 7) How many data breaches are because of stolen, weak or default passwords?
  - a) 81%

- b) 80%
- c) 79%
- d) 78%

8) Who did the article say should adopt Web Authentication?

- a) mail providers
- b) everyone
- c) web services and businesses
- d) social networks

9) What might Web Authentication improve the security of?

- a) the Internet of Things
- b) online experiences
- c) social media
- d) online shopping

10) What did the article say Web Authentication is achieved via?

- a) biometrics
- b) bionics
- c) biology
- d) biofuels

## Role play

### Role A – USB Drive

You think a USB drive is the most useful device. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a digital camera, a smart watch or a 3D printer.

### Role B – Digital Camera

You think a digital camera is the most useful device. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a USB drive, a smart watch or a 3D printer.

### Role C – Smart Watch

You think a smart watch is the most useful device. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a digital camera, a USB drive or a 3D printer.

### Role D – 3D Printer

You think a 3D printer is the most useful device. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): a digital camera, a smart watch or a USB drive.

## After reading / listening

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words...

'username'

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

and 'password'.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

• Share your questions with other classmates / groups. • Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

- days
- common
- weak
- drain
- risk
- body
- out
- worry
- set
- official
- universally
- accounts

## Student survey

Write five GOOD questions about this topic in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

(Please look at page 12 of the [PDF](#) to see a photocopiable example of this activity.)

## Discussion - Passwords to be replaced by Web Authentication

### STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'password'?
3. How difficult is your password?
4. How much do you worry about online security?

5. Have you ever had problems online?
6. What do you think of the idea of passwords?
7. What would you do if your passwords were stolen?
8. What do you think of the Web Authentication system?
9. What do you know about biometrics?
10. How secure do you think fingerprints and facial recognition are?

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'username'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Have you ever been hacked?
15. How many passwords do you have?
16. How dangerous is the Internet?
17. What happens when someone steals your identity?
18. What is your biggest worry about being online?
19. What advice do you have for people to stay safe online?
20. What questions would you like to ask a hacker?

**Discussion — Write your own questions****STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

- (f) \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) \_\_\_\_\_

**Language — Cloze (Gap-fill)**

It looks like login usernames and passwords are on their way (1) \_\_\_\_\_. No longer will we have to worry about the security of our login (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They are set to be replaced by an (3) \_\_\_\_ more secure login system known as Web Authentication. Web Authentication has become an official standard for logging in at the main Internet standards (4) \_\_\_\_\_, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It is a system that will be universally used by web browsers and (5) \_\_\_\_ for simpler and stronger authentication processes. It will allow website users to log in securely to their online accounts using a digital device, biometrics (such as fingerprints and (6) \_\_\_\_ recognition) or USB security keys.

The WWWC spoke about the days of passwords being (7) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesperson said: "It's common knowledge that passwords have (8) \_\_\_\_ their efficacy. Not only are stolen, weak or default passwords behind 81 per cent of data breaches, they are a (9) \_\_\_\_ of time and resources." It added: "Now is the time for web services and businesses to adopt Web Authentication to move (10) \_\_\_\_ vulnerable passwords and help web users improve the security of their online experiences." Web Authentication means users are (11) \_\_\_\_ less risk of having their passwords and credentials stolen. This is because login authentication is achieved (12) \_\_\_\_ physical devices or biometrics from our body.

### Which of these words go in the above text?

1. (a) up (b) in (c) out (d) on
2. (a) credentials (b) cardinals (c) credits (d) credence
3. (a) infinitely (b) infinity (c) infinite (d) infinitive
4. (a) body (b) head (c) torso (d) chest
5. (a) podiums (b) elevations (c) stages (d) platforms
6. (a) faced (b) face-off (c) farcical (d) facial
7. (a) numbered (b) lettered (c) symbolized (d) sketched
8. (a) relived (b) liveried (c) enlivened (d) outlived
9. (a) drain (b) sink (c) pipe (d) flow
10. (a) beneath (b) beyond (c) behest (d) bequeath
11. (a) to (b) at (c) on (d) by
12. (a) via (b) per (c) pro (d) anti

## Spelling

### Paragraph 1

1. the security of our login dicteneiarls
2. fiinitnley more secure
3. become an ifocfail standard
4. stronger authentication roepssces
5. using a digital vedice
6. fingerprints and facial cnoqiriteon

### Paragraph 2

7. It's common lowkedenge
8. stolen, weak or fduaelt passwords
9. 81 per cent of data aebcrehs
10. move beyond elnrubavle passwords
11. authentication is ciavehed
12. imbrteiocs from our body

## Put the text back together

(...) as Web Authentication. Web Authentication has become an official standard for logging in at the main (...) passwords behind 81 per cent of data breaches, they are a drain of time and resources." It added: "Now is the

(...) processes. It will allow website users to log in securely to their online accounts using a digital device, (...) Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It is a system that will (...) be universally used by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication (...) login authentication is achieved via physical devices or biometrics from our body. (...) Authentication means users are at less risk of having their passwords and credentials stolen. This is because (...) knowledge that passwords have outlived their efficacy. Not only are stolen, weak or default (...) passwords and help web users improve the security of their online experiences," Web (...) time for web services and businesses to adopt Web Authentication to move beyond vulnerable (...) The WWWC spoke about the days of passwords being numbered. A spokesperson said: "It's common (...) of our login credentials. They are set to be replaced by an infinitely more secure login system known ( 1 ) It looks like login usernames and passwords are on their way out. No longer will we have to worry about the security (...) biometrics (such as fingerprints and facial recognition) or USB security keys.

## Put the words in the right order

1. way their passwords on Usernames are and out .
2. our Worry of the login credentials . security about
3. infinitely Replaced secure by login an more system .
4. system will that A be universally used .
5. will allow website users to It log in .
6. about of days the passwords Spoke being numbered .
7. knowledge passwords Common outlived have that their efficacy .
8. of security the their Improve online experiences .
9. Authentication users Web at are means less risk .
10. achieved is authentication via Login physical devices .

## Circle the correct word (20 pairs)

It looks like login usernames and passwords are on their way *in / out*. No longer will we have to worry about the *secure / security* of our login credentials. They are *set / let* to be replaced by an infinitely more secure login system known *was / as* Web Authentication. Web Authentication has become an *officially / official* standard for logging in at the main Internet standards *head / body*, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It is a system that will be *universally / universal* used by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication *professes / processes*. It will allow website users to log in securely *to / at* their online accounts using a digital device, biometrics (such as fingerprints and facial recognition) or USB security *keys / answers*.

The WWWC spoke / voiced about the days of passwords being *numbered / lettered*. A spokesperson said: "It's common *knowing / knowledge* that passwords have outlived their *efficacy / live*. Not only are stolen, weak or default passwords behind 81 per cent of data *broaches / breaches*, they are a *drain / sink* of time and resources." It added: "Now is the time for web services and businesses to adopt Web Authentication to move *behind / beyond* vulnerable passwords and help web users improve the *secure / security* of their online experiences," Web Authentication means users are at less risk of / *on* having their passwords and credentials stolen. This is because login authentication is achieved via physical *devices / divisions* or biometrics from our body.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

## Insert the vowels (a, e, i, o, u)

I t l \_ k s l k \_ l g \_ n \_ s \_ r n \_ m \_ s \_ n d p \_ s s w \_ r d s \_ r \_ n t h \_ r w \_ y \_ t . N \_ l n g \_ r w \_ l l w \_ h \_ v \_ t \_ w \_ r r y \_ b \_ t t  
 h \_ s \_ c \_ r \_ t y \_ f \_ r l g \_ n c r \_ d \_ n t \_ l s . T h \_ y \_ r \_ s \_ t t \_ b \_ r \_ p l \_ c \_ d b y \_ n \_ n f \_ n \_ t \_ l y m \_ r \_ s \_ c \_ r \_ l g \_ n s y s t \_ m k  
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## Punctuate the text and add capitals

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## Put a slash (/) where the spaces are

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## Free writing

Write about **Web Authentication** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

## Academic writing

Passwords for computers and websites are not safe enough. Discuss.

## Homework

- 1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
  - 2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
  - 3. PASSWORDS:** Make a poster about passwords. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
  - 4. FINGERPRINTS:** Write a magazine article about all login-ins requiring a fingerprint. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from

your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on passwords. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on safe passwords. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

## A Few Additional Activities for Students

Ask your students what they have read, seen or heard about this news in their own language. Students are likely to / may have have encountered this news in their L1 and therefore bring a background knowledge to the classroom.

Get students to role play different characters from this news story.

Ask students to keep track of this news and revisit it to discuss in your next class.

Ask students to make predictions of how this news might develop in the next few days or weeks, and then revisit and discuss in a future class.

Ask students to write a follow-up story to this news.

Students role play a journalist and someone who witnessed or was a part of this news. Perhaps they could make a video of the interview.

Ask students to keep a news journal in English and add this story to their thoughts.

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