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Passwords to be replaced by Web Authentication

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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

Sources: <https://www.cnet.com/news/goodbye-passwords-webauthn-is-now-an-official-web-standard/>
<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/03/05/webauthn-becomes-official-hardware-login-standard-for-browsers-like-apples-safari>
<https://thenextweb.com/security/2019/03/05/web-apps-will-soon-let-you-log-in-with-hardware-keys-and-fingerprints/>

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		

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.

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

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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

- a. The article said passwords are on their way in. **T / F**
- b. Login credentials might soon be replaced by Web Authentication. **T / F**
- c. The World Wide Web Consortium said Web Authentication is dangerous. **T / F**
- d. The article said fingerprints are not part of Web Authentication. **T / F**
- e. The WWW Consortium suggested the use of passwords is nearing an end. **T / F**
- f. The WWW Consortium suggested passwords are a waste of resources. **T / F**
- g. Web Authentication increases the risk of having passwords stolen. **T / F**
- h. Web Authentication makes use of biometrics. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. worry | a. makes up |
| 2. credentials | b. attained |
| 3. standard | c. all over |
| 4. universally | d. limited |
| 5. accounts for | e. fret |
| 6. numbered | f. burden |
| 7. efficacy | g. weak |
| 8. drain | h. ID |
| 9. vulnerable | i. benefit |
| 10. achieved | j. guideline |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. usernames and passwords are on | a. secure login system |
| 2. the security of our login | b. devices or biometrics |
| 3. replaced by an infinitely more | c. by web browsers |
| 4. universally used | d. passwords being numbered |
| 5. such as fingerprints | e. their efficacy |
| 6. The WWWC spoke about the days of | f. their way out |
| 7. passwords have outlived | g. less risk |
| 8. they are a drain of | h. credentials |
| 9. users are at | i. and facial recognition |
| 10. authentication is achieved via physical | j. time and resources |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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.

security
universally
official
security
usernames
digital
system
processes

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.

vulnerable
common
breaches
biometrics
days
risk
adopt
stolen

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

- 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

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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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

1. What did the article say are on the way out?
2. What did the article say we won't 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

- 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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

username	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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• out• worry• set• official• universally• accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• days• common• weak• drain• risk• body
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PASSWORDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

Write five GOOD questions about passwords 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.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PASSWORDS DISCUSSION

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?

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PASSWORDS DISCUSSION

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)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

Paragraph 1

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

Paragraph 2

7. It's common lowkednge
8. stolen, weak or fduael 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190401-web-authentication.html>

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)

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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 n_w n _s
W_b A_t h_n t_c_t__ n. W_b A_t h_n t_c_t__ n h_s
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n_t__ n) _r U S B s_c_r_t y k_y s.

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__ t l_v_d t h__ r _f f_c_c y. N_t _n l y _r_ s t_l_n,
w__ k _r d_f__ l t p_s s w_r d s b_h_n d 81 p_r
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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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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.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. worry | a. fret |
| 2. credentials | b. ID |
| 3. standard | c. guideline |
| 4. universally | d. all over |
| 5. accounts for | e. makes up |
| 6. numbered | f. limited |
| 7. efficacy | g. benefit |
| 8. drain | h. burden |
| 9. vulnerable | i. weak |
| 10. achieved | j. attained |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Usernames and passwords
2. Our login credentials
3. Web browsers and platforms
4. Fingerprints and facial recognition
5. USB security keys
6. They are numbered
7. Eighty-one per cent
8. Web services and businesses
9. Online experiences
10. Physical devices or biometrics

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

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

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)