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Three charged in high-profile Twitter hack

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THE ARTICLE

Three people have been charged for their alleged involvement in the massive hacking attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. Hackers hacked into 130 high-profile accounts, including those of former US President Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The accounts of companies like Apple and Uber were also breached. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The perpetrators compromised Twitter's administrative tools to gain access to the accounts. They then altered the accounts to post legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any funds sent to a bitcoin account.

The three suspects were arrested on Friday. One is a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom, the other two are American citizens aged 17 and 22. The 17-year-old is a resident of Florida. State investigators believe him to be the mastermind of the hack. A state attorney has filed 30 felony charges against him for "scamming people across America". The teen faces multiple charges, including 10 counts of fraudulent use of personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a false belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence." The hack resulted in 415 transfers being made into the suspects' bitcoin accounts, worth nearly $118,000.

WARM-UPS

1. HACKERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hackers. 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?

> charged / hacking / attack / high profile / account / Apple / bitcoin / scam / funds / suspects / citizens / resident / mastermind / felony / fraudulent / belief / transfers

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

3. PERSONAL INFORMATION: Students A **strongly** believe we should put no personal information online; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

5. ONLINE DANGERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest online dangers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- hacking
- phishing
- cyber-bullying
- fake news

- malware
- scams
- bad eyesight
- lack of exercise

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	alleged	a.	The fact or condition of being part of an event or situation.
2.	involvement	b.	A dishonest scheme; a fraud.
3.	candidate	c.	Made a gap in and break through a wall, barrier, security system or defense.
4.	breached	d.	A person who applies for a job or is nominated for election.
5.	scam	e.	Said, without proof, to have taken place or happened.
6.	perpetrator	f.	Conforming to the law or to rules.
7.	legitimate	g.	A person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act.

Paragraph 2

8.	suspect	h.	In a way that prevents a person from being identified by name.
9.	resident	i.	A person thought to be guilty of a crime or offense.
10.	attorney	j.	Obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception.
11.	felony	k.	A result or effect of an action or condition.
12.	fraudulent	l.	A lawyer.
13.	anonymously	m.	A crime.
14.	consequence	n.	A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

   a.   The Twitter attack took place earlier this month.   **T / F**
   b.   Hackers accessed 130 high-profile accounts.   **T / F**
   c.   The account of a former US President was hacked.   **T / F**
   d.   The hackers managed to gain access to administrative tools in Twitter.   **T / F**
   e.   All of the alleged perpetrators are teenagers.   **T / F**
   f.   The brains behind the attack is believed to be 17 years old.   **T / F**
   g.   One of the men faces 30 felony charges.   **T / F**
   h.   The scam netted the perpetrators over a million dollars.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:
Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

   1.   alleged   a.   brains
   2.   massive   b.   nominee
   3.   candidate   c.   nationals
   4.   scam   d.   carried out
   5.   altered   e.   huge
   6.   citizens   f.   crime
   7.   mastermind   g.   changed
   8.   felony   h.   supposed
   9.   perpetrated   i.   valued at
   10. worth   j.   fraud

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

   1.   Three people have been charged for   a.   breached
   2.   hacked into 130   b.   consequence
   3.   Apple and Uber were also   c.   to a bitcoin account
   4.   altered the accounts to post legitimate-   d.   arrested on Friday
   5.   double any funds sent   e.   investigators
   6.   The three suspects were   f.   of the hack
   7.   state   g.   their alleged involvement
   8.   believe him to be the mastermind   h.   of personal information
   9.   10 counts of fraudulent use   i.   looking tweets
   10. perpetrated anonymously and without   j.   high-profile accounts

GAP FILL

Three people have been (1) _____ for their alleged involvement in the massive hacking attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. Hackers hacked into 130 high-(2) _____ accounts, including those of (3) _____ US President Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The accounts of companies like Apple and Uber were also (4) _____. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The perpetrators (5) _____ Twitter's administrative tools to gain (6) _____ to the accounts. They then (7) _____ the accounts to post legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any (8) _____ sent to a bitcoin account.

altered

breached

funds

profile

access

charged

compromised

former

The three (9) _____ were arrested on Friday. One is a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom, the other two are American (10) _____ aged 17 and 22. The 17-year-old is a resident of Florida. State investigators believe him to be the (11) _____ of the hack. A state attorney has filed 30 (12) _____ charges against him for "scamming people across America". The teen faces (13) _____ charges, including 10 counts of fraudulent use of personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a (14) _____ belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be (15) _____ anonymously and without consequence." The hack resulted in 415 transfers being made into the suspects' bitcoin accounts, (16) _____ nearly $118,000.

worth

felony

citizens

false

perpetrated

suspects

multiple

mastermind

LISTENING − Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) people have been charged for their alleged involvement in the _____
   a. massively hacking attack
   b. missive hacking attack
   c. mass sieve hacking attack
   d. massive hacking attack

2) former US President Barack Obama, presidential _____
   a. candidate Joe Biden
   b. candidacy Joe Biden
   c. candidate see Joe Biden
   d. candid date Joe Biden

3) were also breached. The hack was part of _____
   a. a bitcoin scum
   b. a bitcoin scram
   c. a bitcoin scam
   d. a bitcoin scamp

4) The perpetrators compromised Twitter's administrative tools _____
   a. to gain excess
   b. to gain access
   c. to gain recess
   d. to gain axe sis

5) post legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could _____
   a. doublet any funds
   b. double any funds
   c. doubled any funds
   d. doubles any funds

6) a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom, the other two _____
   a. are American citizen
   b. are American citizenry
   c. are American denizens
   d. are American citizens

7) State investigators believe him to be the mastermind _____
   a. of the heck
   b. of the shack
   c. of the hick
   d. of the hack

8) A state attorney has filed 30 _____
   a. felony charges
   b. baloney charges
   c. balcony charges
   d. feline charges

9) Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously _____
   a. and without consequential
   b. and without con sequence
   c. and without con sequences
   d. and without consequence

10) The hack resulted in 415 transfers being made into the suspects' _____
   a. bitcoin recounts
   b. bitcoin accounts
   c. bitcoin hack counts
   d. bitcoin hack ounce

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Three people have been charged (1) _____ involvement in the massive hacking attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. (2) _____ 130 high-profile accounts, including those of former US President Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The (3) _____ like Apple and Uber were also breached. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The perpetrators compromised Twitter's administrative (4) _____ access to the accounts. They then (5) _____ to post legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could (6) _____ sent to a bitcoin account.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. When did the Twitter hack take place?

2. How many accounts were hacked?

3. Which rapper's account was hacked?

4. What tools did the hackers gain access to?

5. What was the return on money promised by the hackers?

6. How old is the youngest person who was arrested?

7. How many felony charges does one of the alleged hackers face?

8. What news agency was mentioned in the article?

9. Who did a lawyer say had a false belief?

10. How much money was deposited in the hackers' bitcoin accounts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) When did the Twitter hack take place?
a) July the 30th
b) July the 20th
c) July the 5th
d) July the 15th

2) How many accounts were hacked?
a) 120
b) 130
c) 140
d) 110

3) Which rapper's account was hacked?
a) Kendrick Lamar
b) Eminem
c) JayZ
d) Kanye West

4) What tools did the hackers gain access to?
a) axes
b) picture tools
c) administrative tools
d) hacking tools

5) What was the return on money promised by the hackers?
a) 10%
b) variable
c) two-year
d) double

6) How old is the youngest person who was arrested?
a) 18
b) 19
c) 17
d) 20

7) How many felony charges does one of the alleged hackers face?
a) 30
b) 20
c) 25
d) 35

8) What news agency was mentioned in the article?
a) BBC
b) Al Jazeera
c) CNN
d) ABC

9) Who did a lawyer say had a false belief?
a) tweeters
b) the criminal hacker community
c) attorneys
d) social media users

10) How much money was deposited in the hackers' bitcoin accounts?
a) nearly $118,000
b) nearly $128,000
c) nearly $180,000
d) nearly $188,000

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Hacking

You think hacking is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): fake news, cyber-bullying or a lack of exercise.

Role B – Fake News

You think fake news is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): hacking, cyber-bullying or a lack of exercise.

Role C – Cyber-Bullying

You think cyber-bullying is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): fake news, hacking or a lack of exercise.

Role D – Lack of Exercise

You think a lack of exercise is the biggest online danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): fake news, cyber-bullying or hacking.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

teen	hacker

- 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:

• charged	• one
• 130	• resident
• breached	• 30
• part	• 10
• gain	• consequence
• doubled	• worth

HACKERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hackers 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.

HACKERS 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 'hacker'?

3. What do you know about hacking?

4. How worried are you about being hacked?

5. How big a problem is hacking?

6. Why are governments so worried about hacking?

7. How confident are you your personal information is safe online?

8. What would be the worst sites in your country to be hacked?

9. How can hackers breach the security of sites like Twitter?

10. What do you think of the hack on Twitter?

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HACKERS 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 'Twitter'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. What should happen to the hackers?

15. Have you ever masterminded anything?

16. Have you ever fallen for a scam?

17. What do you know about bitcoin?

18. What do you think of Twitter?

19. Will hackers always be able to get into websites?

20. What questions would you like to ask the Twitter CEO?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Three people have been charged for their (1) _____ involvement in the massive hacking attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. Hackers hacked into 130 high-profile accounts, including (2) _____ of former US President Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The accounts of companies like Apple and Uber were also (3) _____. The hack was part of a bitcoin (4) _____. The perpetrators compromised Twitter's administrative tools to (5) _____ access to the accounts. They then altered the accounts to post legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double (6) _____ funds sent to a bitcoin account.

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

1.	(a) allegory	(b) alleged	(c) litigated	(d) litigious
2.	(a) them	(b) those	(c) that	(d) they
3.	(a) poached	(b) broached	(c) beached	(d) breached
4.	(a) scram	(b) scam	(c) scrum	(d) scum
5.	(a) take	(b) gain	(c) hold	(d) do
6.	(a) many	(b) much	(c) any	(d) most
7.	(a) respects	(b) inspects	(c) suspects	(d) insects
8.	(a) master chef	(b) master class	(c) mastermind	(d) masterly
9.	(a) baloney	(b) peony	(c) penal	(d) felony
10.	(a) counts	(b) numbers	(c) orders	(d) numerals
11.	(a) perpetrated	(b) consulted	(c) inculcated	(d) traversed
12.	(a) worthless	(b) worthy	(c) worth	(d) worthwhile

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. charged for their <u>adleleg</u> involvement

2. the <u>ivsemsa</u> hacking attack

3. presidential <u>cntiadade</u> Joe Biden

4. Apple and Uber were also <u>beechdar</u>

5. <u>eaprrersotpt</u> compromised Twitter's administrative tools

6. post <u>tliigeemat</u>-looking tweets

Paragraph 2

7. The three <u>spsestuc</u> were arrested on Friday

8. State <u>vesatogtinisr</u>

9. A state <u>tnortaye</u>

10. The teen faces <u>ellumpit</u> charges

11. <u>lmoaynyunso</u> and without consequence

12. resulted in 415 <u>tnrrasesf</u> being made

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence." The hack

(   )   The three suspects were arrested on Friday. One is a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom, the other

(**1**)   Three people have been charged for their alleged involvement in the massive hacking

(   )   resulted in 415 transfers being made into the suspects' bitcoin accounts, worth nearly $118,000.

(   )   legitimate-looking tweets that informed followers they could double any funds sent to a bitcoin account.

(   )   breached. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam. The perpetrators compromised

(   )   two are American citizens aged 17 and 22. The 17-year-old is a resident of Florida. State investigators believe

(   )   people across America". The teen faces multiple charges, including 10 counts of fraudulent use of personal

(   )   him to be the mastermind of the hack. A state attorney has filed 30 felony charges against him for "scamming

(   )   of former US President Barack Obama, presidential candidate Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon

(   )   information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a false belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks

(   )   attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. Hackers hacked into 130 high-profile accounts, including those

(   )   CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The accounts of companies like Apple and Uber were also

(   )   Twitter's administrative tools to gain access to the accounts. They then altered the accounts to post

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. their   have   alleged   involvement   .   for   charged   been   People

2. were   accounts   companies   of   breached   .   The   Apple   like

3. was   The   part   of   bitcoin   hack   scam   .   a

4. post   the   accounts   tweets   .   Altered   to   legitimate-looking

5. to   a   any   sent   bitcoin   account   .   Double   funds

6. three   were   on   The   arrested   suspects   Friday   .

7. the   to   Investigators   him   mastermind   .   be   believe

8. state   attorney   30   charges   .   filed   A   felony   has

9. criminal   belief   false   hacker   A   the   community   .   within

10. transfers   being   resulted   in   415   made   .   hack   The

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

Three people have been charged for their *alleged / allegation* involvement in the massive *hacking / hacked* attack on Twitter that took place on July the 15th. Hackers hacked into 130 high-profile accounts, including *them / those* of former US President Barack Obama, presidential *candidacy / candidate* Joe Biden, rapper Kanye West, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and SpaceX and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. The accounts *of / on* companies like Apple and Uber were also *breached / beached*. The hack was part of a bitcoin *scam / scum*. The perpetrators *reprimanded / compromised* Twitter's administrative tools to gain access to the accounts. They then *altered / faltered* the accounts to post legitimate-looking tweets that *reformed / informed* followers they could double any funds sent to a bitcoin account.

The three suspects were *arresting / arrested* on Friday. One is a 19-year-old from the United Kingdom, the other two are American citizens *ages / aged* 17 and 22. The 17-year-old is a resident of Florida. State investigators believe him to be the *mastermind / masterclass* of the hack. A state attorney has filed 30 *felony / baloney* charges against him for "scamming people across America". The teen *heads / faces* multiple charges, including 10 counts of fraudulent *use / action* of personal information. A lawyer told CNN: "There is a false *belief / believe* within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be *penetrated / perpetrated* anonymously and without consequence." The hack resulted *in / on* 415 transfers being made into the suspects' bitcoin accounts, *worth / value* nearly $118,000.

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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T h r _ _   p _ _   p l _   h _ v _   b _ _ n   c h _ r g _ d   f _ r   t h _ _   r   _ l l _ g _ d   _ n v _ l v _ m _ n t   _ n   t h _   m _ s s _ v _   h _ c k _ n g   _ t t _ c k   _ n   T w _ t t _ r   t h _ t   t _ _ k   p l _ c _   _ n   J _ l y   t h _   1 5 t h .   H _ c k _ r s   h _ c k _ d   _ n t _   1 3 0   h _ g h - p r _ f _ l _   _ c c _ _ n t s ,   _ n c l _ d _ n g   t h _ s _   _ f   f _ r m _ r   U S   P r _ s _ d _ n t   B _ r _ c k   O b _ m _ ,   p r _ s _ d _ n t _ _ l   c _ n d _ d _ t _   J _ _   B _ d _ n ,   r _ p p _ r   K _ n y _   W _ s t ,   A m _ z _ n   C E O   J _ f f   B _ z _ s   _ n d   S p _ c _ X   _ n d   T _ s l _   C E O   E l _ n   M _ s k .   T h _ _ c c _ _ n t s   _ f   c _ m p _ n _ _ s   l _ k _   A p p l _   _ n d   U b _ r   w _ r _   _ l s _   b r _ _ c h _ d .   T h _   h _ c k   w _ s   p _ r t   _ f   _   b _ t c _ _ n   s c _ m .   T h _   p _ r p _ t r _ t _ r s   c _ m p r _ m _ s _ d   T w _ t t _ r ' s   _ d m _ n _ s t r _ t _ v _   t _ _ l s   t _   g _ _ n   _ c c _ s s   t _   t h _   _ c c _ _ n t s .   T h _ y   t h _ n   _ l t _ r _ d   t h _   _ c c _ _ n t s   t _   p _ s t   l _ g _ t _ m _ t _ - l _ _ k _ n g   t w _ _ t s   t h _ t   _ n f _ r m _ d   f _ l l _ w _ r s   t h _ y   c _ _ l d   d _ _ b l _   _ n y   f _ n d s   s _ n t   t _   _   b _ t c _ _ n   _ c c _ _ n t .

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

three people have been charged for their alleged involvement in the massive hacking attack on twitter that took place on july the 15th hackers hacked into 130 highprofile accounts including those of former us president barack obama presidential candidate joe biden rapper kanye west amazon ceo jeff bezos and spacex and tesla ceo elon musk the accounts of companies like apple and uber were also breached the hack was part of a bitcoin scam the perpetrators compromised twitters administrative tools to gain access to the accounts they then altered the accounts to post legitimatelooking tweets that informed followers they could double any funds sent to a bitcoin account

the three suspects were arrested on friday one is a 19yearold from the united kingdom the other two are american citizens aged 17 and 22 the 17yearold is a resident of florida state investigators believe him to be the mastermind of the hack a state attorney has filed 30 felony charges against him for scamming people across america the teen faces multiple charges including 10 counts of fraudulent use of personal information a lawyer told cnn there is a false belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence the hack resulted in 415 transfers being made into the suspects bitcoin accounts worth nearly 118000

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200803-hackers.html

People should put as little personal information online as possible. 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. HACKERS: Make a poster about hackers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PERSONAL INFORMATION: Write a magazine article about laws limiting what personal information we can put online. 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 hacking. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on hacking. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. b	4. j	5. g
6. c	7. a	8. f	9. d	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. July the 15th
2. 130
3. Kanye West
4. Administrative tools
5. Double
6. Seventeen
7. Thirty
8. CNN
9. The criminal hacker community
10. Nearly $118,000

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. People have been charged for their alleged involvement.
2. The accounts of companies like Apple were breached.
3. The hack was part of a bitcoin scam.
4. Altered the accounts to post legitimate-looking tweets.
5. Double any funds sent to a bitcoin account.
6. The three suspects were arrested on Friday.
7. Investigators believe him to be the mastermind.
8. A state attorney has filed 30 felony charges.
9. A false belief within the criminal hacker community.
10. The hack resulted in 415 transfers being made.

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 ;-)