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Passwords to be replaced by Web Authentication

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THE READING

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Login usernames and passwords may be ending. A more secure login system known as Web Authentication is coming. This is an official login process at the Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It will be common in web browsers and platforms worldwide. It is simpler and stronger authentication. Users will log in securely to websites using either a digital device, biometrics (like fingerprints) or USB security keys.

The WWWC spoke about this. It said: "It's common knowledge that passwords have outlived their efficacy." It said stolen, weak or default passwords are behind 81 per cent of data breaches. It also said passwords are a waste of time and resources. Businesses should start Web Authentication to avoid the problem of weak passwords and to help improve security. This will reduce the risk of having passwords stolen.

Sources: <https://www.cnet.com/news/goodbye-passwords-webauthn-is-now-an-official-web-standard/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A more | a. (like fingerprints) |
| 2. This is an official login | b. common |
| 3. It will be | c. and platforms |
| 4. in web browsers | d. keys |
| 5. Users will log in | e. device |
| 6. a digital | f. secure login |
| 7. biometrics | g. process |
| 8. USB security | h. securely |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The WWWC spoke | a. and resources |
| 2. It's common | b. risk |
| 3. passwords have outlived their | c. knowledge |
| 4. behind 81 per cent | d. stolen |
| 5. a waste time | e. efficacy |
| 6. avoid the problem of weak | f. of data breaches |
| 7. This will reduce the | g. about this |
| 8. having passwords | h. passwords |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Login usernames and passwords (1) _____. A more secure login system known as Web Authentication is coming. This (2) _____ login process at the Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It will (3) _____ web browsers and platforms worldwide. It is (4) _____ authentication. Users will (5) _____ to websites using either a digital device, biometrics (like fingerprints) or (6) _____.

The WWWC spoke about this. It said: "It's (7) _____ passwords have outlived their efficacy." It said stolen, (8) _____ passwords are behind 81 per cent (9) _____. It also said passwords are a (10) _____ and resources. Businesses should start Web Authentication to avoid the (11) _____ passwords and to help improve security. This will reduce the (12) _____ passwords stolen.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PASSWORDS SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

