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Passwords to be replaced by Web Authentication

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

Login usernames and passwords may be ending. We won't have to worry about security when logging in. A more secure login system known as Web Authentication could replace passwords. This has become an official login process at the main Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It will be universally used by web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication. It will let website users log in securely to their online accounts using a digital device, biometrics (like fingerprints and facial recognition) or USB security keys.

The WWWC spoke about the end of passwords. It 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 said businesses should adopt Web Authentication to avoid vulnerable passwords and to help people improve their online security. Web Authentication means users are at less risk of having their passwords stolen. This is because login authentication is done with physical devices or biometrics from our body.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. usernames and passwords may	a. recognition
2. A more secure login	b. web browsers
3. the main Internet standards	c. securely
4. It will be universally used by	d. keys
5. simpler and stronger	e. body
6. log in	f. system
7. fingerprints and facial	g. be ending
8. USB security	h. authentication

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. The WWWC spoke about the	a. passwords
2. It's common	b. breaches
3. passwords have outlived	c. devices
4. 81 per cent of data	d. knowledge
5. they are a drain of time	e. risk
6. avoid vulnerable	f. end of passwords
7. users are at less	g. and resources
8. physical	h. their efficacy

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Login usernames and passwords (1) _____. We won't have to worry about security (2) _____. A more secure login system known as Web Authentication could replace passwords. This has become an official login process (3) _____ Internet standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium (WWWC). It will be (4) _____ web browsers and platforms for simpler and stronger authentication. It will let website users log in (5) _____ online accounts using a digital device, biometrics (like fingerprints and facial recognition) or (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

Loginusernamesandpasswordsmaybeending.Wewon'thavetoworry aboutsecuritywhenloggingin.AmoresecureloginsystemknownasWe bAuthenticationcouldreplacepasswords.Thishasbecomeanofficiallo ginprocessatthemainInternetstandardsbody,theWorldWideWebCo nsortium(WWWC).Itwillbeuniversallyusedbywebbrowsersandplatfo rmsforsimplerandstrongerauthentication.Itwillletwebsiteuserslogin securelytotheironlineaccountsusingadigitaldevice,biometrics(likefi ngerprintsandfacialrecognition)orUSBsecuritykeys.TheWWWCspok eabouttheendofpasswords.Itsaid:"It'scommonknowledgethatpass wordshaveoutlivedtheirefficacy.Notonlyarestolen,weakordefaultpa sswordsbehind81percentofdatabreaches,theyareadrainoftimeandr esources."ItsaidbusinessesshouldadoptWebAuthenticationtoavoidv ulnerablepasswordsandtohelppeopleimprovetheironlinesecurity.W ebAuthenticationmeansusersareatlessriskofhavingtheirpasswordss tolen.Thisisbecauseloginauthenticationisdonewithphysicaldeviceso rbiometricsfromourbody.

PASSWORDS SURVEY

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) _____

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **passwords** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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