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the Digital Divide
Topic: Passwords
When I am done this lesson, I will know:

- What a password is
- How to create a strong password
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Pre and Post Self-Assessment

|  | Pre | Pre | Post | Post |
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|  | Yes, I know this | No, I want to <br> learn this | Yes, I know this | I still need more <br> practice to learn <br> this |
| I know what a <br> password is |  |  |  |  |
| I know how to <br> create a strong <br> password |  |  |  |  |

## $\square$ New Words and Terms

password

## Passwords

A password is a secret word or phrase that you need to sign into an account online. You should never share your passwords with ANYONE. You should also never click "Remember Password" because if you do, someone else might be able to log in into your account on that computer.


Passwords are like a combination lock to protect information you put online.


A strong or secure password is a password that is difficult for someone else to guess. They are usually complicated and include a combination of letters, numbers and symbols.


Here is a list of the top 10 worst passwords in 2018:

| Rank | Password |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 123456 |
| 2 | password |
| 3 | 123456789 |
| 4 | 12345678 |
| 5 | 12345 |
| 6 | 111111 |
| 7 | 1234567 |
| 8 | sunshine |
| 9 | qwerty |
| 10 | iloveyou |

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_most_common_passwords (last accessed April 30, 2019)

Have you ever used any of these passwords? If you have, you should change them!

| $\square$ | Watch this to learn more about how to create a <br> strong and secure password. <br> Source: Safety in USA | https://www.youtube.com/wat <br> ch?v=aEmF3lylvr4 |
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## The Password Game

Think of a password you have used in the past or are using right now. Don't tell anyone what your password is.

1. Answer the questions below. Be honest!
2. When you are done, add up the number of times you said "yes" in Part 1. Add up the number of times you said "yes" in Part 2. Record your answers.
3. Subtract the total points in Part 2 from the total points in Part 1 to get your score.
4. The person with the most points wins!

| PART 1 | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No one else knows this password. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My password is at least 8 characters long. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My password has letters, numbers and symbols. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My computer isn't saved on my computer. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| I always remember my password. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My password doesn't include any private information. |  |  |  |
| Total Points in Part 1 |  |  |  |
| PART 2 |  |  |  |
| My spouse or partner (or another relative) knows this password. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| I have never changed this password. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| I use a word from the dictionary in my password. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My computer remembers my password for me. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| My password includes private information. | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| I use one of my names in my password | $\square$ Yes |  |  |
| Total Points (Subtract total points in Part 2 from total Points in |  |  |  |

Review the following tips to help you create stronger passwords.
Tips for Creating Stronger Passwords

| $\qquad$ | 1. Make passwords at least 8 characters long <br> - A character is a letter, number or symbol <br> - The longer the password, the harder it will be to figure out |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 2. DON'T use dictionary words <br> - There are programs that can be used to figure out your password if it's a dictionary word |
|  | 3. DON'T use private or personal information in your passwords <br> - This makes it easy for people to guess your password |
| $A B C D E F G$ H!JKLMN OPQRSTU VWXYZ12 3456789 0\&? * ! 『 @ | 4. Include different types of characters (letters, numbers \& symbols) in your passwords |
| AaBb Cc DdEe Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk LIMm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz | 5. Use both uppercase letters and lowercase letters |
|  | 6. Change your password frequently <br> - At least every 6 months is recommended |
|  | 7. Never share your password <br> - Not even with your family and friends <br> - Not in an email <br> - Not to anyone on the phone |
| REMEMBER | 8. Make sure it is a password YOU can remember! |

## Create Your Own Secure Password

a) Fill in the boxes to create 3 different, possible passwords.
b) You can use them in different orders to create secure passwords that you will remember.

| Favourite Number | Favourite <br> character name(s) | Symbol(s) | Favourite <br> snack(s) | Other category: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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What are your three passwords?

1. $\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$

## $\checkmark$ Check Your Knowledge

Describe three things that will make a password stronger.

1. $\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$

## (i)Optional: I Want to Learn More

Explore the Strong Password Generator website: https://strongpasswordgenerator.com/ You can learn about creating strong passwords and even generate new ones.

| Bridge Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework Connection |  |
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| Competency | Task Group(s) |
| Find and Use Information | - Read Continuous Text (L2) <br> - Interpret Documents (L2) <br> - Extract Information from Films, Broadcasts and Presentations (not levelled) |
| Communicate Ideas and Information | - Complete and Create Documents (L2 - using tables, rows and columns, adding and subtracting to obtain answers) |

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