

1 Read the news report. Replace the words in *italics* (1–7) with the words from the list.

was down *victims* *prevent* *vulnerable* *hackers*
network *encrypted*

More than five hundred Canadians have been notified that they may have been the ¹*people who suffered* victims of a major security breach at a large consumer-credit reporting agency. According to reports, staff noticed the problem when the whole ²*connected system of computers* _____ ³*stopped working* _____ for an hour. During that time, unauthorized access was gained to personal, detailed credit files containing customers' banking details and home addresses. Although, the ⁴*people who tried to steal the information* _____ weren't able to access all the information because some of it was ⁵*unreadable because it needed a password* _____, the company wasn't able to ⁶*stop* _____ them from stealing details on around 500 customers. This is the second time this month that a major business has found that its customer records are ⁷*weak and easily attacked* _____ to identity theft.

2 Match 1–7 to a–g to make sentences.

- 1 Last night, we upgraded ____
 - 2 Don't forget to back up ____
 - 3 Businesses need to encrypt ____
 - 4 It's a good idea to create ____
 - 5 Double-click this icon to open ____
 - 6 This tool lets you share ____
 - 7 Try running ____
- a the attachment on your email.
 - b sensitive data so no one else can read it.
 - c all your files so you have a copy.
 - d documents with colleagues while working on them.
 - e the software, so you'll notice some changes.
 - f a scan to check for a virus.
 - g a new password at least once every three months.