

## Reading: Staying safe online

A. Read the article about internet safety. Complete the text by choosing the word that best fits each gap.

*B. Choose an appropriate sub-heading for each paragraph below (drag and drop).*

There are lots of fun and interesting things you can do on the internet. And it can be a great way to stay in touch with friends. But it's important to understand how to stay safe online.

Sometimes people will try to trick you into clicking dangerous links or sharing things about yourself. Or something you've shared can be used to bully or frighten you.

Think about who you're talking to

Never give out your password

Cover your webcam

### Don't share personal details

Think before you post

Watch out for **scams**

Keep your information **secure**

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

- Don't **upload** or share you wouldn't like your parents, teachers or future **employers** to see. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else **screenshots** or shares it.
- Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth **private**, and check what people can see in your privacy **settings**. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.
- Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to **trick** you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be **genuine**. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

- are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like someone, you **trust** the **stranger** you've met online or share personal information with them. You can be sure what this person has in mind.
- should know your password or login information but you. Make sure you **pick** strong, easy to remember passwords.
- Some viruses will let someone **access** your webcam without you knowing, so make you **cover** your webcam whenever you not using it.
- Having your social media account hacked or finding out someone has your **data** can be scary and **upsetting**. So, use strong passwords and keep your apps and devices safe and to date. You should make sure you log when you're using public or shared devices.

**C. Match the words in bold with their meanings (draw a line).**

<b>secure</b>	an illegal way of making money, usually by tricking people
<b>scam</b>	a person who pays people to work for them
<b>upload</b>	where you can set various functions
<b>employer</b>	safe
<b>screenshot</b>	to move information to the internet
<b>settings</b>	to make sb believe something in order to cheat them
<b>trick</b>	real
<b>genuine</b>	an image of what is shown on a computer/phone screen
<b>trust</b>	to open a computer file or use a computer system
<b>stranger</b>	someone you do not know
<b>pick</b>	making someone feel worried or unhappy
<b>access</b>	to believe that someone is good and honest
<b>cover</b>	information
<b>data</b>	to put something over something
<b>upsetting</b>	choose