

Complete the text with the correct form of collocations from the previous exercises.

Top tips on how to stay secure online

Online shopping is big business these days. However, great care should be taken when making any online (1) , whether they are for clothes or services. Unfortunately, cybercriminals are all too ready to exploit consumers benefitting from the convenience, affordability and choice which the internet offers so it is crucial to (2) your privacy.

- Sometimes it is difficult to differentiate between the genuine and fraudulent. Even seemingly professional-looking websites can be fake so stick with (3) retailers where possible as they will have good security (4) in place.
- Ensure the website is reputable by looking out for a small padlock symbol in the (5) window when you attempt to log in or (6) your personal details. The web address should begin with https:// – the 's' stands for 'secure'.
- Make it a priority to (7) effective and updated antivirus/ antispyware before you go online.
- Be suspicious of tempting offers – there are plenty of scams around and if it seems too good to be true, it probably is! It could indicate that a site is selling illegal items or trying to infect your device.
- Before you (8) a payment, make sure you have a (9) password – ideally a combination of letters in upper and lower (10) , numbers and symbols.
- Use your mobile phone network rather than public wifi connections when using a card to pay, as many hotspots are insecure.