

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ fun and interesting things you can do \_\_\_\_\_ the internet. And it can be a great \_\_\_\_\_ to stay in touch \_\_\_\_\_ friends. But it's important to understand \_\_\_\_\_ to stay safe online. Sometimes people will try \_\_\_\_\_ trick you into clicking dangerous links or sharing things about yourself. Or something you've shared \_\_\_\_\_ be used to bully or frighten you.

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| 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 <b>scams</b>   |
| Keep your information <b>secure</b> |                              |

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 \_\_\_\_\_ private, and check what people can see in your privacy **settings**. Remember that people can use small clues \_\_\_\_\_ a school logo in a photo to find \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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).*

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| <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                                                     |