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Dear Harper Company Staff,

By now, you are all aware of the recent **security** breach. The IT department has traced it to a **bug** in our browsers. This bug created an unwanted **backdoor** in the network, allowing **intruders** in. They installed **keyloggers** that track our passwords.

The IT department removed the keyloggers, and the software supplier is releasing a **patch** that will fix this error. We will inform you when this patch becomes available.

However, this provides a good opportunity to remind you of the measures we must take to make our network safer.

Remember, you must keep the **firewall** settings as strict as possible on your computer. This prevents **attacks** from hackers and keeps certain types of malware out of the system.

Be cautious when downloading files. Perform a virus scan on every email attachment. Also, enable your browsers to block **popups**. Otherwise, spyware can get on to your computer.

Only download company-approved programs to your computer. Unauthorized programs may contain Trojans that can do irreversible damage to our system. Please consult the IT department for a list of **authenticated** programs.

In addition, we will review our **audit logs** from now on. This is to make sure no one violates security **protocol**. Employees violating protocol will receive disciplinary action.

Jared Greene
Manager,
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User: Robert Smith
Event: View File
Location: Shared Documents
Date: 2:15 10:05

3 keylogger

4 audit log

5 patch

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 How do people keep their computers safe?
- 2 Why would a company worry about security?

Reading

2 Read the email about safety measures. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the email mainly about?
 - A improving security at the company
 - B detecting keylogger programs
 - C installing a patch on a web browser
 - D punishing employees for violating security protocol
- 2 The company will monitor employees by ...
 - A installing spyware.
 - B performing virus scans.
 - C reviewing the audit logs.
 - D looking for authenticated programs.
- 3 What can you infer about Harper Company?
 - A They have authenticated the patch.
 - B They already have a virus scan program.
 - C They allow many authenticated programs.
 - D This is their first security breach.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-8) with the definitions (A-H).

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| 1 — popup | 4 — audit log | 7 — protocol |
| 2 — bug | 5 — backdoor | 8 — intruder |
| 3 — security | 6 — patch | |

- A set of rules
- B error in a program
- C unwanted advertisements on a web browser
- D someone who accesses a system without permission
- E safety of a computer system and its data
- F part of a program giving undesired access
- G record of who has used a computer and what they've used it for
- H code to fix errors in a program