

GEPT Elementary Reading & Speaking Handout

Password and Privacy Safety: Small Steps Online

全民英檢初級閱讀與口說講義 | Topic: passwords, privacy, phishing, online safety

Teacher Notes 教學重點

- Level: GEPT Elementary / CEFR A2
- Class time: 50-90 minutes
- Skills: reading short passages, asking for help, giving online safety advice
- Current topic: passwords, privacy, phishing messages, two-step verification

Warm-up Questions 暖身口說

- How many passwords do you use?
- What personal information should we keep private?
- Have you ever seen a strange message or link?
- What should students do before they click a link?

A. Vocabulary 單字解析

Word	Part	中文	Easy meaning	Example
password	n.	密碼	a secret word or group of letters for an account	Do not share your password with friends.
privacy	n.	隱私	the right to keep personal things secret	Privacy is important online.
personal information	n.	個人資料	facts about you, such as your name or phone number	Do not post personal information in a public group.
account	n.	帳號	a place where you log in to use a website or app	My email account has a new password.
message	n./v.	訊息；傳訊息	a note sent by phone or computer	I got a strange message this morning.
link	n.	連結	a button or address that opens a page	Do not click a strange link.
phishing	n.	網路釣魚	a trick to get your password or personal information	Phishing messages can look real.
verify	v.	確認；驗證	to check if something is real or correct	Please verify the website before you log in.
update	v./n.	更新	to make software newer and safer	Remember to update your phone.
secure	adj./v.	安全的；保護	safe from danger; to protect something	A secure account needs a strong password.
code	n.	驗證碼；代碼	numbers or letters used to prove who you are	The app sent a six-number code.
trust	v.	信任	to believe someone or something is safe	Do not trust every message online.

B. Reading 1 閱讀 | A New Password

Ryan is a junior high school student. He uses the same password for his game account, email, and school website. The password is his birthday and his nickname. It is easy for him to remember, but it is not very safe.

One day, Ryan cannot log in to his game account. He sees a message: 'Your password was changed.' Ryan feels nervous. He tells his sister, Ivy. Ivy asks, 'Did you share your password with anyone?' Ryan says, 'No, but my password is very easy.'

Ivy helps Ryan make a new password. She says a strong password should be long and not easy to guess. Ryan makes a passphrase with four words and a number. He also writes it in a safe notebook at home, not on a public computer.

Then Ivy tells him, 'Use different passwords for important accounts.' Ryan changes his email password too. He learns that a password is like a key. If one key opens every door, losing it can be a big problem.

Reading Check

Why is Ryan's old password not safe?

Answer: _____

Who helps Ryan make a new password?

Answer: _____

What does Ryan learn about passwords?

Answer: _____

C. Dialog Practice 口說對話

Dialog 1 | Changing a Password

Ryan	I cannot log in to my account.
Ivy	Did you use an easy password?
Ryan	Yes. It was my birthday.
Ivy	Let's make a longer password.
Ryan	Can I use four words together?
Ivy	Yes. A long passphrase is easier to remember and safer.

Dialog 2 | Checking a Link

Mia	This message says my account will close today.
Teacher	Do not click the link yet.
Mia	How can I check it?
Teacher	Open the real app yourself.
Mia	There is no warning in the app.
Teacher	Good. The message may be phishing.

Dialog 3 | Asking About Privacy

Kevin	Can I post my phone number in the class group?
Amy	I don't think that is safe.

Kevin	But only classmates can see it.
Amy	People can copy or share it.
Kevin	You're right. I will send it privately.
Amy	Good idea.

Dialog 4 | Two-step Verification

Student	Why do I need another code?
Teacher	It makes your account safer.
Student	But it takes more time.
Teacher	True, but it helps stop strangers from logging in.
Student	So I need my password and my phone?
Teacher	Yes. Two steps are safer than one.

Dialog 5 | Helping a Friend

Ben	I clicked a strange link. What should I do?
Mia	Change your password now.
Ben	Should I tell an adult?
Mia	Yes. Ask a teacher or parent for help.
Ben	I feel worried.
Mia	Act quickly. You can still protect your account.

D. Reading 2 閱讀 | A Strange Message

On Wednesday afternoon, Mia gets a message on her phone. It says, 'Your video app account will close today. Click this link and log in now.' The message looks serious, and the logo looks real. Mia almost clicks the link.

Before she clicks, she remembers her teacher's advice: stop, check, and ask. Mia looks at the address in the link. It has many strange letters. She opens the real app by herself and checks her account. There is no warning in the app.

Mia shows the message to her teacher. The teacher says it may be phishing. A phishing message tries to make people click a bad link or give away passwords. It may say there is a prize, a problem, or an urgent deadline.

Mia deletes the message and tells her classmates, 'Do not click links when you feel scared or rushed. Open the real app or website yourself.' Her classmates thank her because many of them have seen strange messages too.

Reading Check

What does the strange message ask Mia to do?

Answer: _____

How does Mia check the message?

Answer: _____

What can phishing messages try to steal?

Answer: _____

E. Reading 3 閱讀 | Two Steps Are Safer

At school, Mr. Chen teaches a short lesson about online privacy. He says, 'Your name, phone number, home address, school name, photos, and birthday are personal information. Think carefully before you post them.'

Mr. Chen also talks about two-step verification. When students log in to an account, they may need a password and a short code from their phone or email. It takes a little more time, but it can make an account much safer.

Kevin says, 'It is annoying to type another code.' Mr. Chen answers, 'I understand, but a code can stop someone who only knows your password.' The students try a role-play. One student is a hacker with a password. Another student has the phone code. The hacker cannot get in.

After class, Kevin turns on two-step verification for his email. He also updates his phone because updates can fix safety problems. Kevin does not become a computer expert in one day, but he starts with small, smart steps.

Reading Check

Name two examples of personal information.

Answer: _____

Why can two-step verification help?

Answer: _____

What does Kevin do after class?

Answer: _____

F. Speaking Practice 口說練習

Useful Speaking Frames

- A strong password should be _____.
- I should not share _____ online.
- Before I click a link, I should _____.
- Two-step verification is helpful because _____.
- If I see a strange message, I will _____.

1. Pair Interview

- What makes a password strong?
- What information should students not post online?
- What should you do when you get a strange message?
- Why is two-step verification useful?
- Who can you ask for help if your account has a problem?

2. Role-play

Student A: You got a strange message. Ask your friend what to do.

Student B: Give two pieces of advice. Use: Do not _____. You should _____.

Change roles. This time, Student A forgot a password and Student B gives advice.

3. Group Task

Work in groups of three. Make three online safety rules for students.

Rule 1. _____

Rule 2. _____

Rule 3. _____

4. Short Talk

Talk for 30 seconds: One online safety rule I will follow is...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

G. Quiz 練習題

1. Vocabulary: A secret word for an account is a _____.

Answer: _____

2. Vocabulary: Facts about you are personal _____.

Answer: _____

3. Vocabulary: A trick message may be _____.

Answer: _____

4. Reading: Ryan's old password used his birthday and _____.

Answer: _____

5. Reading: Mia opens the real _____ to check her account.

Answer: _____

6. Reading: Two-step verification may send a short _____.

Answer: _____

7. Speaking: Tell your friend not to click a strange link.

Answer: _____

8. Speaking: Ask how to make your account safer.

Answer: _____

9. Writing: Write one privacy rule.

Answer: _____

10. Reading: Kevin updates his phone because updates can fix safety _____.

Answer: _____

H. Writing Practice 寫作練習

Write 4-5 sentences about this question:

How can students stay safe online?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key 答案

Reading Check

Why is Ryan's old password not safe? - Because it uses his birthday and nickname, so it is easy to guess.

Who helps Ryan make a new password? - His sister, Ivy.

What does Ryan learn about passwords? - A password is like a key, and using one key for every door is risky.

What does the strange message ask Mia to do? - It asks her to click a link and log in.

How does Mia check the message? - She opens the real app by herself and checks her account.

What can phishing messages try to steal? - They can try to steal passwords or personal information.

Name two examples of personal information. - Possible answers: name, phone number, home address, school name, photos, birthday.

Why can two-step verification help? - It can stop someone who only knows your password.

What does Kevin do after class? - He turns on two-step verification and updates his phone.

Quiz

1. Vocabulary: A secret word for an account is a _____. - password
2. Vocabulary: Facts about you are personal _____. - information
3. Vocabulary: A trick message may be _____. - phishing
4. Reading: Ryan's old password used his birthday and _____. - nickname
5. Reading: Mia opens the real _____ to check her account. - app
6. Reading: Two-step verification may send a short _____. - code
7. Speaking: Tell your friend not to click a strange link. - Do not click that strange link.

8. Speaking: Ask how to make your account safer. - How can I make my account safer?

9. Writing: Write one privacy rule. - Do not post your phone number online. / Think before you post photos.

10. Reading: Kevin updates his phone because updates can fix safety _____. - problems

Source Notes 教材參考來源

This handout is original classroom material rewritten for GEPT Elementary / CEFR A2 learners.

- CISA Secure Our World emphasizes recognizing phishing, strong passwords, MFA, and software updates.
- FTC consumer guidance explains protecting personal information, strong passwords, two-factor authentication, and avoiding suspicious links.
- NIST password guidance highlights the value of long passwords and passphrases.
- CISA Secure Our World: <https://www.cisa.gov/secure-our-world>
- FTC Protect Your Personal Information From Hackers and Scammers: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/protect-your-personal-information-hackers-and-scammers>
- NIST How Do I Create a Good Password?: <https://www.nist.gov/cybersecurity-and-privacy/how-do-i-create-good-password>